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‘Gossip’ gusher

ED Westwick of “Gossip Girl” joined a crew of 100 artists, gallerists, writers, designers, a swimsuit model and a surfer near Times

Square for the unveiling of artist **Josephine Meckseper**’s installation “Manhattan Oil Project.” Art stars **Richard Phillips** and **John Currin**, author **James Frey**, designer **Cynthia Rowley**, Sports

Illustrated stunner **Tori Praver** and her surfer boyfriend, **Danny Fuller**, looked on as two 25-foot-tall, 3,000-pound oil derricks churned in a vacant lot at Eighth Avenue and 46th Street last week. Hosts **Yvonne Force Villareal** and **Doreen Remen** of the Art Production Fund then moved the party to the Playwright Celtic Pub for hot toddies.

Neeson waxes apologetic

LIAM Neeson accidentally knocked hot wax all over Town & Country creative director **Alexandra Kotur** and her companion, Vanity Fair photographer **Jonathan Becker**, at the glamorous Museum of the City of New York Director’s Council Winter Ball. Witnesses said Neeson “knocked over a candelabra, which spilled all over Kotur’s hair and on her Giorgio Armani dress. They were covered from head to toe, including right down Jonathan’s tuxedo.” Neeson, who spent some of the night chatting with **Jamie Tisch**, was terribly apologetic. But we’re told Kotur and Becker took their dousing in good humor and were “completely elegant — they acted like it hadn’t happened and stayed all the way through dinner.” A smiling Becker later was pictured with dried white splotches of wax zigzagging his black tux. Others among the impeccably dressed included **Mark Gilbertson**, **Tamara Mellon**, **Dennis Basso**, **Lauren Remington Platt**, **Amanda Hearst**, **Cristina Cuomo** and **Jennifer Creel**.



High-class reunion

CHRISTOPHER Walken and his casting-director wife, **Georgianne**, made a rare appearance on the town at a preview of **Kenyetta Lethridge**’s “Innocent Flesh” at the Actors Temple Theatre Thursday. Walken posed happily for pictures with the cast and producers **Diana Zollicoffer** and **Michael Mann**. The Walkens then joined Mann and the theater’s general manager, **Eddie Gaynes**, for dinner at Orso. Walken, Mann and Gaynes were classmates at the famed Professional Children’s School.