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Seen Around the World

Lynda Millner cruises through the canals of Belgium, where French fries, lace and chocolate are in excess, p. 14



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Kendall Conrad and daughter, Louisa, Barclay Butera and Lisa Candela at George Schoellkopf and Gerald Incandela's New Year's Day luncheon

bash had two tiers for the transition into 2011, with Business Class allowing access to the "Captain's Lounge" located in the lower level ballrooms, and First Class giving an all-access pass to the "VIP Flight Deck."

Fortunately, it was a smooth flight for all.

Further afield, on the Caribbean island of St. Barts, British-based Russian oligarch Roman Abramovich pulled out all the stops with an \$8 million bash at his \$90 million, 70-acre Governor Beach estate, boasting a range of swimming pools, pavilions and Balinese bungalows.

Abramovich, 44, and his wife, Daria Zhukova, 29, flew in chart-topping rappers, the Black Eyed Peas, to perform for his 250 guests, including Carpinteria newcomer, director George Lucas, former Montecito resident, Ellen DeGeneres, with her part-

George Schoellkopf and artist Gerald Incandela threw a lunch for 70 friends at their exquisite Summerland aerie.

Among those tucking into the heaving tables of turkey and beef brisket, which had taken three days to prepare, and the persimmon pudding and tiramisu, were Tab Hunter and Allan Glaser, Kendall Conrad and David Cameron, Edward Cella, Bruce Gregga, Beverley Jackson, Glen Jordan, Bill Cornfield, Ceil and Michael Pulitzer, Dale Kern, and Guy and Patty de Gramont.

Helping wash down the fare were bottles of glorious Bordeaux and gallons of Veuve Clicquot.

A most perfect kick-off for 2011!...

Sightings: Michael Douglas and Catherine Zeta-Jones with their two children, Dylan and Carys, at the San Ysidro Ranch en-route to Maui for