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PEOPLE

GIAA Employees - "Pillars of Service"

GIAA and Government of Guam employees and their families celebrated at the 2026 Labor Day picnic. See Page 11 for photo highlights of this annual picnic which celebrated the "Pillars of Service" – Guam's hard working and dedicated government workers.

PLACES

Roof Replacement at Guam Airport Terminal

Exterior hoarding walls at the west departures curbside of the Guam Airport have caught much attention of passersby. The walls have been erected to allow contractor Core Tech access to the roof for rehabilitation of the original roof system constructed in 1994. The project includes the installation of solar panels and battery storage on the new roof to include multi-panel photovoltaic systems for improved energy efficiency and cost savings, along with a battery storage system for continuous operation.



EVENTS

FAA Certification Inspection

The certification inspection conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration wrapped up this month. See Page 4 for details on how GIAA employees prepared for the inspection which evaluates commercial airports for compliance with federal safety rules.

The Antonio B. Won Pat International Airport Authority, Guam (GIAA) is a self-sustaining autonomous agency, charged with the mission to ensure the safety and security of the traveling public, maintain superior and reliable level of airport services, and support the development of air services and facilities which are integral to the island's economic growth.

Passenger Flight Network (For October 2026)

AIRLINE	DESTINATION	FLIGHT NO.	ETA/ETD	FREQUENCY
	HNL	UA201/UA200	1805/0705	Daily eff Oct. 25 ETA 1900/ETD 0745
	HND	UA848/UA849	0420/1935	Daily eff Oct. 26 ETA 0440. Eff Oct. 25 ETD 1955
	NRT	US827/UA873	1550/1700	Daily eff Oct. 25 ETA 1545/ETD 1655
	NRT	UA197/UA196	2150/1215	Daily eff Oct. 25 ETA 2145/ETD 1215
	NRT	UA865/UA864	2120/1300	MON & FRI/TUES & SAT eff Oct. 26 ETA 2225. Eff Oct. 27 ETD 1325
	KIX	UA150/UA151	1545/0715	Daily, No Ops Oct. 5, 29. Eff Oct. 28 ETA WED/SAT 1620. Eff Oct. 25 ETD 0710. Eff Oct. 28 ETD WED/SAT 0745
	NGO	UA136/UA137	1610/0735	MON/THU/FRI Eff Oct. 26 ETA 1615/ETD 0735
	MNL	UA184/UA183	0415/1920	Daily, ETA WED/SAT 0630, Eff Oct. 26 ETA MON, TUE, THU, FRI, SUN 0450, Eff Oct. 28 ETA WED, SAT 0630, Eff Oct. 25 ETD 1955
	ROR	UA192/UA193	0545/1905	WED & SAT/TUE & FRI Eff. Oct. 28 ETA 0650, Eff Oct. 27 ETD 1955
	ROR	UA158/UA157	0510/2345	MON, TUE, THU, FRI/MON, WED, THU, SUN Eff Oct. 25 ETD 2340
	SPN	UA076/UA174	1040/0800	Daily eff Oct. 25 ETA 1035, ETD 0755
	TPE	UA166/UA165	1720/0750	WED & SAT eff Oct. 28 ETA 1710
	TKK	UA132/UA133	1745/0825	THU & SUN/WED & SAT ETA SUN 1640/ETD SAT 0930
	TKK	UA154/UA155	1805/0755	TUE & FRI /MON & THU Eff Oct. 30 ETA 1800
	PNI	UA176/UA176	0335/2025	Arrivals MON, Departures SUN, Eff Oct 30 ETA 0330
	Yap	UA186/UA185	0400/2340	WED & SUN/TUE & SAT

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 JAPAN AIRLINES	NRT	JL941/JL942	1440/1640	Daily eff Oct. 25 - 31 ETA 1445/ETD 1640
 Philippine Airlines www.philippineairlines.com	MNL	PR110/PR111	0420/0600	Daily, except Oct. 6, 13, 20. Eff Oct. 28 - 31 ETA 0400/ETD 0525
 KOREAN AIR	ICN	KE417/KE418	2335/0200+1	Daily. Eff Oct 25 ETA 0100/ ETD 0240
	ICN	KE415/KE416	1535/1720	Daily. Eff Oct 25 ETA 1505/ ETD 1650
 JIN AIR	ICN	LJ915/LJ916	2345/0500+1	Daily through Oct. 25
	ICN	LJ901/LJ902	0110/0220	Daily Oct. 26 - 31
	ICN	LJ917/LJ918	0335/0440	Daily through Oct. 25
	ICN	LJ905/LJ906	0330/0430	Daily eff Oct. 26 - 31
	ICN	LJ903/LJ904	0430/0540	Daily eff Oct. 26 - 31
	PUS	LJ921/LJ922	0140/0250	Daily eff Oct. 1 - 25
	PUS	LJ531/LJ532	0140/0250	Daily eff Oct. 1 - 26
 AIR SEOUL	ICN	RS913/RS914	0100/0200	Daily eff Oct. 26
	ICN	RS905/RS906	0230/0330	TUE, WED, SAT eff Oct. 26
	ICN	RS903/RS904	0230/0330	Oct. 22, 24, 26 only
 AIR BUSAN	PUS	BX614/BX613	0010/0255	Operating Oct. 2, 5, 9 only
	PUS	BX593/BX594	0200/0300	Daily, eff Oct. 25 ETA 0240/ ETD 0340 THU & SUN
 STAR Marianas Air	ROP	**3401/**4301	1200/1230	MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI

From the Desk of the Executive Manager

GIAA Leadership Joins Guam Delegation in Meetings with Federal Officials to Discuss Military Buildup

GIAA Board Chairman Brian J. Bamba and GIAA Executive Manager John M. Quinata joined a Guam delegation, led by Governor Lou Leon Guerrero, that met with approximately 100 federal officials in San Francisco this month to discuss the impacts of the military buildup on Guam and to warn of the growing concern that the buildup is expanding faster than the island's civilian infrastructure can support. The delegation consisted of over two dozen Government of Guam officials, including 13 cabinet members, who participated in discussions regarding Guam's campaign for more assistance in managing the impacts of the military buildup as they relate to cybersecurity threats, strain on the current popu-

lation and civilian infrastructure, rising cost of living, housing limitations, environmental and security concerns, and importation of both civilian and military goods through a single seaport. Also discussed was the mounting concern regarding the social, economic, and cultural pressures created by the buildup. GIAA Board Chairman Bamba and GIAA Executive Manager Quinata together made a presentation to federal officials regarding logistical demands of the buildup to support the influx of construction materials, defense personnel, and contractor activity and the added infrastructural stress on Guam's only commercial airport.



FAA Completes Airport Certification Inspection at Guam Airport

GIAA's Operations Division, Engineering Division, Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division, and Properties & Facilities (P&F) Division collaborated to prepare for GIAA's certification inspection conducted by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA). The inspection, which took place from September 21 - 25, 2026, is officially known as a Part 139 Certification Safety Inspection which evaluates commercial airports for compliance with federal safety rules. FAA inspector and former GIAA Operations Supervisor, Antonio Bordallo, reviewed administrative files, tested emergency and fire-fighting response, examined runway and taxiway physical conditions, and conducted nighttime checks of airfield lighting and signs. GIAA commends its P&F personnel for their upkeep of the airfield and for ensuring that maintenance markings, lighting, signage were in compliance with FAA regulations. The runway pavement was inspected for cracks, spalling - the flaking, chipping, or breaking off of surface pieces - and rubber build-up. FAA Inspector Bordallo checked fuel farm safety, evaluated wildlife hazard controls, and tested the visibility and reflectivity of lights and signs on the runway at night.



From the Desk of the Executive Manager

GIAA Hosts Press Conference to Unveil Marianas Tourism Advancement Act of 2026

Guam and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) are one step closer to realizing the passage of H.R. 10341, the “Marianas Tourism Advancement Act of 2026,” the federal legislation introduced to open up the Guam-CNMI Visa Waiver Program to travelers from the Philippines and expand eligibility to India, Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia, and Mongolia. The bill was officially introduced on September 14, 2026 by CNMI Delegate Kimberlyn King-Hinds and co-authored by Guam Delegate James Moylan.

The legislation – a product of a working group comprised of representatives from Guam, the CNMI, the Philippines, and the federal government – was unveiled at a press conference for local and CNMI reporters on September 17, 2026 at the Guam International Airport. The panel included Senator Jesse A. Lujan and Senator Christopher M. Duenas – Chairman and Vice Chairman, respectively, of the Legislative Oversight Committee on Transportation, GIAA Board Chairman Brian J. Bamba, GIAA Executive

Manager John M. Quinata, Roseann M. Jones, PhD – Dean and Professor of Economics, School of Business and Public Administration of the University of Guam, and Chirag Bohjwani, Consultant from the Office of Senator Jesse A. Lujan. Both Delegate King-Hinds and Delegate Moylan attended the press conference virtually from their offices in our nation’s capitol. Representatives from the Guam Visitors Bureau and the Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency were also in attendance to hear the panel discuss how they collectively examined ways to expand tourism and addressed concerns regarding immigration and national security. The passage of this program – designed for visitors and not workers or immigrants – will welcome an influx of additional travelers to Guam and the CNMI and will generate much-needed tourism activity and money into both island’s struggling economies.



From the Desk of the Executive Manager

GIAA Reviews Airport Emergency Plan with Emergency Response Partners

The Airport Emergency Plan (AEP) Review was held on September 17, 2026 and was led by the GIAA Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division. According to ARFF Fire Chief Daniel Stone, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) 14 CFR Part 139.325 regulation requires that airports review their AEP at least once every 12 months. He adds that this annual review brings together airport personnel and emergency response partners, including GIAA's ARFF Division, local law enforcement, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), hospitals, airlines, airport tenants, and mutual-aid agencies to ensure that

everyone understands their roles and responsibilities during an airport emergency; has accurate and current emergency contact information; is familiar with notification, communication, and response procedures; and identifies any changes that need to be made to the AEP.

Pictured below: GIAA personnel and local and federal emergency response partners gather for a photo at the conclusion of the AEP Review held at the GIAA ARFF Facility in Tiyan on September 17, 2026.



ARFF Leads Partner Training and Interagency Coordination

By Daniel Stone

GIAA's Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division hosted several island partners for a series of training activities designed to strengthen operational readiness, interoperability, and compliance with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) ARFF requirements. Access to some of these training opportunities has historically been challenging for our partners, particularly aircraft familiarization, due to the limited ground time of arriving aircraft at their respective airports. GIAA ARFF personnel coordinated opportunities to provide meaningful hands-on exposure and maximize their time on Guam.

The activities included an ARFF Facility tour, which included familiarization with ARFF apparatus, specialized vehicles, equipment and operational capabilities, and a review of training records and the Airport Emergency Plan, or AEP. They attended GIAA's annual AEP Review where they observed and participated in discussions and mutual-aid stakeholders regarding response considerations, agency responsibilities, coordination, and operations associated with an aircraft incident.

GIAA ARFF fire fighters provided assistance in conducting Andersen Fire's annual FAR Part 139 live-fire training - an FAA requirement for personnel assigned aircraft and rescue fire fighting duties and provides critical hands-on experience in aircraft fire suppression and rescue operations. This training demonstrates the importance of continued collaboration among GIAA, ARFF, local fire service partners, Andersen Air Force Base Fire and emergency-response capabilities throughout our region.

Sincere thanks to Mr. Carlos Salas and Mr. Will Brown, both of FAA, for supporting this collaborative training arrangement and to the GIAA ARFF personnel for coordinating the various training events and for ensuring our partners were able to maximize these opportunities. Special thanks to Fire Chief Stanley Torres and Andersen Fire personnel for providing access to their mobile aircraft fire trainer (MAFT) and for dedicating the time and resources necessary to conduct the live-fire training for our visiting personnel.

About Our Airport Community

United Airlines Safety Rodeo Event

By Tammy Castro

This year's United Airlines (UA) Safety Rodeo was an opportunity for UA's safety champions to be recognized, to share best safety practices, build teamwork, and reinforce safe behaviors that protect the airline's employees, customers, aircraft and equipment every day. The event, held on September 4, 2026, was more than a competition – it was an annual Airport Operations event that brought together teams from select United Airlines stations across the network for friendly competition and hands-on learning. At United Airlines, safety is the foundation of everything we do. One of the ways we celebrate and strengthen our safety culture is through the United Safety Rodeo where employees compete in safety-focused challenges designed to test operational knowledge, and standard operating procedures, safety practice, and teamwork.



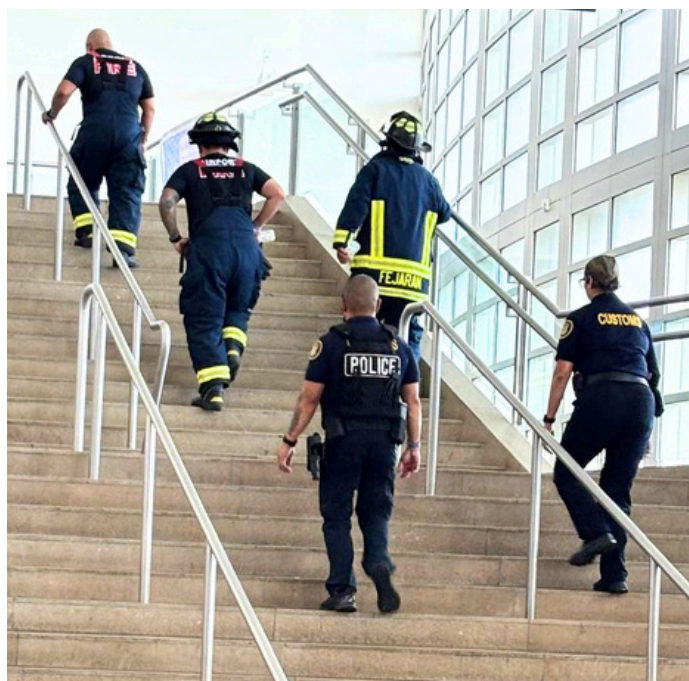
**"As we continue serving Guam, let's embrace the spirit of the Safety Rodeo by making safety our first choice in every task, every turn, and every operation.
Safety • Teamwork • Excellence
Safety isn't just something we do.
It's who we are."**

– Tammy Castro

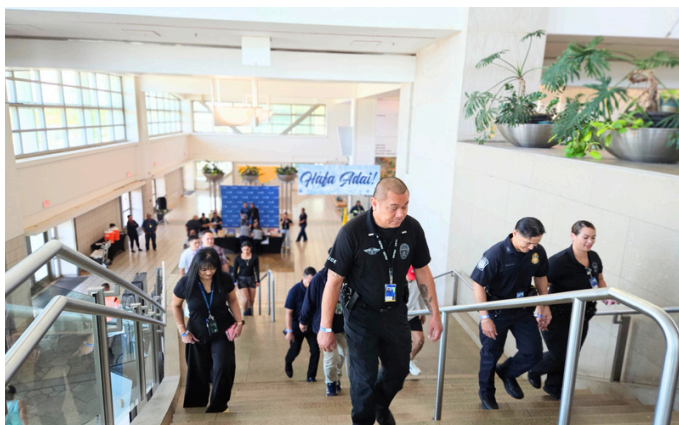
United Airlines – General Manager Airport Operations
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United Airlines 9/11 25th Anniversary Memorial Stair Climb

In commemoration of the 25th anniversary of the tragic events of 9/11, United Airlines (UA) organized a 9/11 Memorial Stair Climb – a symbolic event where first responders from GIAA's Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division, the Guam Fire Department, U.S. Customs & Border Protection, Guam Customs & Quarantine Agency, GIAA and UA employees, airport tenants, and airline partners, climbed 110 stories – equaling 2,200 steps – to match the height of the World Trade Center towers and honor the first responders who died on September 11, 2001. The event included specific moments of silence that mirrored the timeline of the 2001 attacks, beginning at 8:46 a.m. when



American Airlines Flight 11 struck the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York. GIAA thanks United Airlines and all who participated in this tribute to symbolically complete the heroic journey of the fallen first responders and to honor and remember all who selflessly gave their lives so that others might live.



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United Airlines “Girls in Aviation Day”

United Airlines (UA) held its annual Girls in Aviation Day on September 25, 2026 – an event to inspire young women to pursue careers in the aviation industry. Nearly two dozen participants had behind-the-scenes access on their tour of UA’s maintenance hangar and airport operational areas, explored an aircraft, examined cockpit flight deck operations, and learned about luggage loading, fuel operations, and wing maintenance. The fun-filled and engaging event provided an opportunity for mentorship where the attendees connected directly with female pilots, flight attendants, technicians, engineers, and ramp operations leaders.



JAL Hosts September FOD Walk to Promote Runway Safety

Cloudy skies did not put a damper on the September FOD Walk, hosted by Japan Airlines, on September 15, 2026. The activity began with a safety briefing and distribution of gloves and trash bags and included nearly three dozen volunteer employees from GIAA, airlines, and ground handlers who picked up FOD, or Foreign Object Debris, such as trash and loose items, substances, or objects that can endanger personnel or damage aircraft. GIAA thanks JAL and the volunteers for their commitment to participating in

this monthly activity which promotes runway safety, prevents aircraft damage, and protects employees and equipment on the runways and surrounding areas of the AOA, or Airport Operations Area. GIAA encourages its employees and members of the airport community to volunteer at the next FOD Walk, hosted by United Airlines, on October 20, 2026, for a safer runway for our traveling passengers and the personnel who work on and around the AOA.



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Board Director Garcia Appears Before Legislative Oversight Committee for Re-Appointment Hearing

A re-appointment hearing for GIAA Board Director Jesse G. Garcia was held on September 2, 2026 in front of the Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. Director Garcia's re-appointment was supported by testimonies from GIAA Board Chairman Brian J. Bamba and GIAA Executive Manager John M. Quinata. Director Garcia, who has served on GIAA's Board since February 2022, has brought years of knowledge and expertise as the Board's subcommittee chair on Capital Improvement Projects. His impressive career spans decades of public service as the former Deputy Director of the Department of Public Works and the Administrator of the CHamoru Land Trust Commission. He has held senior management positions in the private sector, bringing a wealth of knowledge in government procurement, planning, capital improvement, safety, and law enforcement. GIAA looks forward to his re-appointment so that he can continue the important work to which he is committed.

Pictured right: Director Jesse G. Garcia responds



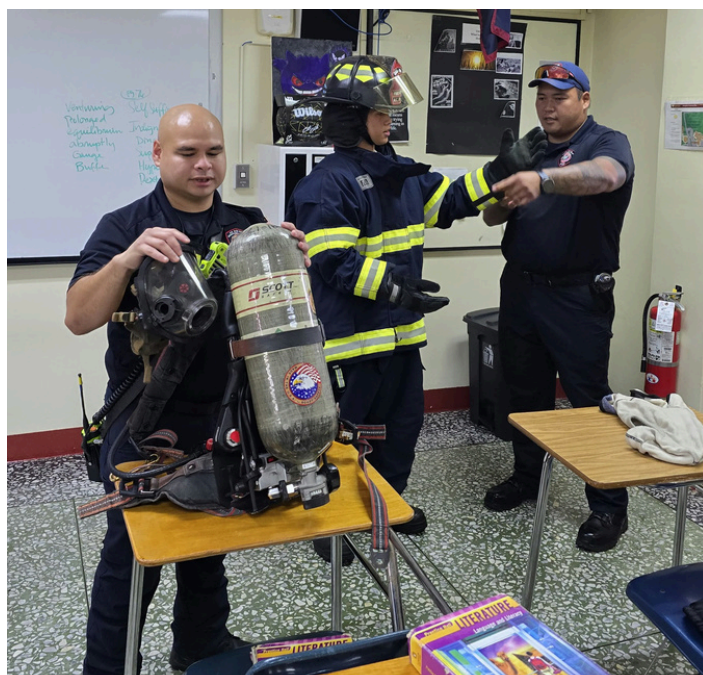
to questions during his legislative re-appointment hearing at the Guam Legislature on September 2, 2026.

ARFF Fire Fighters Spend Career Day with the Friars

Committed to being positive role models for Guam's youth and to promoting education, training, and lifelong learning, the Airport Police Division (APD) and the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division accepted an invitation from the Friars of Father Duenas Memorial School (FDMS) to serve as presenters at the school's Career Day on September 3, 2026.

Johnny Arceo - ARFF Driver Operator, Jordan Guevara - Fire Fighter (FF) II, Colin Camacho - FFI, Zachary Chang - FFI, and Alexander Tenorio FFI, all of whom are FDMS alumni, along with Joseph Anderson - Airport Police Officer II, fielded questions and shared their personal career experiences, challenges, and inspirations with students of the all-male Catholic high school.

GIAA thanks the FDMS Friars for the invitation to participate in this worthwhile and engaging event. We encourage them and all of Guam's students to focus on their education, to continuously seek opportunities to learn and to enhance their interests, and to consider a career in aviation, law enforcement, and/or aviation fire fighting.



More About Our Airport Community

Exciting Business Opportunities Await You at the Guam International Airport

GIAA invites you to visit the Business Opportunities page of the GIAA website at www.guamairport.com and register to become a vendor for public solicitations, leases, and concessions, including providing supplies, equipment, and advertising.

To become a vendor, complete the Procurement Registry and provide the following information:

Company/Firm Name

Point of Contact

Types of Services/Supplies Provided

Upload of Business Documents, such as Business License, Certificates, Brochures

For more information on **how to become a vendor**, contact:

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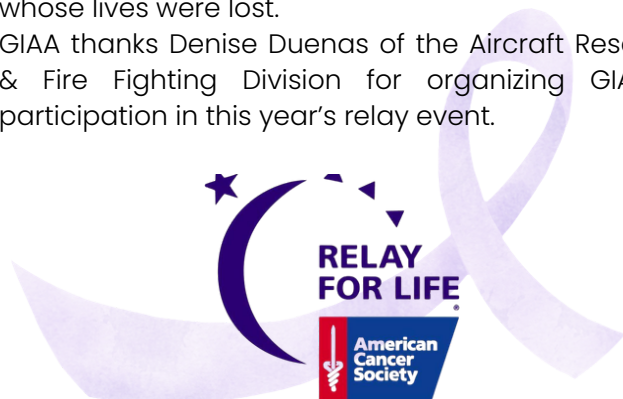
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GIAA Relays for Life in Support of Lives Affected by Cancer

In support of and in recognition of those whose lives have been affected by cancer, GIAA management and staff participated alongside local government agencies and departments and private sector organizations in the American Cancer Society's signature 2026 Relay for Life event held at the University of Guam Calvo Field House in Mangilao on September 19, 2026. GIAA employees and their family members waved pennants and cheered on the hundreds of cancer warrior survivors, their families, loved ones, and caregivers at this annual fundraiser event that supports cancer research, patient care, advocacy, celebrates the lives of those who have fought against cancer, and remembers those whose lives were lost.

GIAA thanks Denise Duenas of the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting Division for organizing GIAA's participation in this year's relay event.



More About Our Airport Community

Celebrating Guam's 'Pillars of Service' at Labor Day Picnic 2026

Cloudy skies and passing rain did not prevent hundreds of GovGuam workers, the "Pillars of Service," and their families from celebrating at this year's Labor Day picnic held at the Governor Joseph Flores Park in Tumon on September 6, 2026. GIAA gathered together for a fun-filled, relaxing, and enjoyable day at this annual event to celebrate and recognize the dedicated and hardworking workers of GovGuam. GIAA thanks its Labor Day committee chairs from the Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighting (ARFF) Division, Operations Division, and Property Management Office and their planning committee members for organizing and executing a great day for all to enjoy! Biba, GIAA! Biba, Guam!



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