

Weather in the Capital: High of 24 degrees, clear, but expect fog as evening approaches. Lows in the teens.

*Unequal Partners: The Troubled History of Gateway in the Imperium.* encore presentation !  
Hiranuvision 4, 20:00

# Times of Dukh

188-991

All the News from the Heart of Gateway  
Capital District Edition

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## Summit Enters Second Day

Capital District, 188-991 –

Archduke Nells will meet again with Emperor Gavin to press the Imperium to honor the rights of the people of Gateway. In a brief public address to a cheering crowd of over a million, after talks broke yesterday evening.



Archduke spoke from the balcony of The Palace of Heaven after talks with the Emperor last night

In his most direct comments since the Emperor's unexpected visit, Archduke Nells said "The Imperium must be made to understand that we care our about our people. We are offended at the indignities of the so-called inspections being carried out on those who attend the Mercantile Council. But we see this pressure tactic for what it is. By bullying us, the Imperium hopes to force us to give in! We will not! We do not see the people of Gateway as nameless and faceless resources which can simply be tapped at a moment's whim. The mass conscriptions will not stand. We will never institute the draft here on Dukh, and we will not subject the people of Gateway to massive taxation and wholesale economic chaos simply so that the Imperium can go off on a wild adventure in the Solomani Rim."

-Continued on A2-"Outrage"

## As Corporations Grumble, Local Merchants Rejoice.

Dukh, 188-991 - The early end to the Mercantile Council, coupled with the Imperial embargo on ships leaving the system at will has outraged Gateway. Companies have been unable to complete expected contracts, recent graduates remain unemployed, and starship crews are gearing up to remain planetbound a lot longer than they had anticipated. But the news is not all bad. Dukh's business owners, already expected a good year because of the extra cash generated during the Mercantile Council, are not complaining. With a billion extra customers as Dukh's guests until the navy can perform a humiliating inspection on each and every ship, business on Dukh is booming. Even with the Council shortened to three weeks from eight, merchants can be expected to feed and house extra customers for at least two months



Hiranu Tower and Hotel, Financial District.

Says, Marko Calahra, operator of the Hiranu Tower and Hotel, "Of course I feel badly for the people who came here wanting to get work done, and I think the Emperor has stepped on too many toes here. But we will happily serve them while they are here, I'm sure people will find us an excellent temporary home." He added that the hotel has been booked solid the past

twelve weeks, and remains overbooked for at least the next ten.

## Stock Markets Closed on Embargo Uncertainties.

Financial District, Central, 188-991– The Embargo continues to play havoc with the Domain's financial markets, and Financial Minister Adrian Nells closed the stock market for the second day in a row. Stock prices will remain frozen at values from the close of business on 186-991 until markets reopen. Citizens are asked not to interfere with legitimate business being conducted in the Financial District. Instead, concerned investors should address complaints to the Imperial Delegation Headquarters, located in Mehra Park, Capital District.

## Grav Bike Team to Skip Kirasu Cup due to Embargo

Commercial District, 4 North, 187-991 – For the first time in a century, Dukh will not have a representative in the Kirasu Cup when the competition is held on Daraam from 230-991 to 244-991. As Salvar Gorsiru noted "With the embargo preventing our athletes from leaving for Daraam on time, it would not be fair to have them compete without the normal recovery time after traveling through jump space." Team captain Arav Fahiru raged, "Of course we're upset. I've been wanting to get back on that course ever since those bastards took our trophy home last year. We've been working hard, and we are in top condition. I know the fans are disappointed, but these races are our life. The emperor is ruining them."