

## Current Events Editor-In-Chief Bobo Kobo

Thummy Thorax is our new Paragon. Alec and Jonah are our new set of Freelance Journalists.

There are four new parties since our last update on the matter. “Gubanatorists” is Jonah’s party. They have an accelerationist anti-moderatorian alignment.

“People’s Anarcho-Suberite Righteous Labour Party” is Alec’s party. They have an accelerationist moderatorian alignment.

“Yankee Noodlers” is Greypanda13’s party, They have an institutionalist anti-moderatorian alignment.

“procedural degenerates” is Thorax’s party. They have an institutionalist moderatorian alignment.

The parliament is quite diverse this turn, with seven parties having stood for election. The largest party this week is the *procedural degenerates* with 171 seats, and the smallest party is the *Gubanatorists* with 29 seats. The other parties vary in size, with *The Dendrobranchiates’ Party* holding 62 seats, *The Alphabet Mafia* with 70, the *People’s Anarcho-Suberite Righteous Labour Party* with 84, *Fifth way* with 41, and the *Yankee Noodles* with 33.

There were three motions this turn. Two alignment motions and one rule motion passed through the parliament.

Crorem’s alignment motion was defeated.

Bobo Kobo’s alignment motion was passed.

Alec’s rule change motion was passed and will come up on Tuesday for voting.

## Current Proposals Editor-In-Chief Bobo Kobo

Bobo Kobo is proposing that a political atmosphere chart including its own puck be created. The axis are the level of trust in the nomic parliament on the vertical and the economy on the horizontal. The puck can be moved in various ways.

Alec is proposing that each night Nomitron will post a chapter from a bed-time story for all players. Players can declare that they are comfy. Players who post in text channels while they are comfy lose one sanguine humor, while players who do not gain one phlegmatic humor.

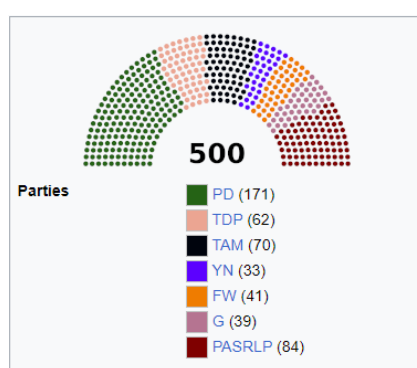
## Recently Implemented Rules Editor-In-Chief Bobo Kobo

Proposal 348 by Bobo Kobo passed in a six to five vote. Rule 303 has been repealed. There is no longer a champion function in the game.

Proposal 350 by Baegll passed in a five to four vote. There are now various fruits available to use as votes.

Proposal 349 by Thorax failed in a six to four vote.

Proposal 351 by Alec failed in a seven to one vote.



## Poetry: light lost Freelance Journalist Naeri

pondering at night  
with yawning of the wood walls  
this cozy blanket

draft like a whisper  
children crying in the wind  
a moth fluttering

softly flickering  
a lamp in the cold moonlight  
her wings just paper thin

pupils wide open  
the light in the window gap  
beams through dustily

feet thump up the stairs  
a musty odor creeps in  
bedroom door ajar

under the blankets  
the owls coo in the weak tree  
our only safety

## Lifestyle: Susan L. Epstein Freelance Journalist Naeri

*Note from the editor: This piece was originally written for and submitted to wikipedia.*

Susan L. Epstein is a computer science professor on the faculty at Hunter College and The Graduate Center of The City University of New York. She is known for her contributions to artificial intelligence, machine learning, cognitive science, computational cognitive science, cognitive architecture, and knowledge representation and reasoning. She has been the chair of the Cognitive Science Society, executive councilor and ethics chair for the Association for the Advancement of Artificial Intelligence (AAAI), and an officer for SIGAI, the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) special interest group on artificial intelligence. Epstein's interdisciplinary work has advanced the understanding of how knowledge and learning can be simulated and applied in computer systems.

Epstein was born in New York. She earned a BA in mathematics from Smith College, an MS in mathematics from The Courant Institute at New York University, and an MS and PhD in computer science from Rutgers University in 1983. Her doctoral thesis topic was "Knowledge Representation in Mathematics: A Case Study In Graph Theory."

Epstein joined the City University of New York in 1984 as a computer scientist. Her early work includes the Graph Theorist, the first system that hypothesized mathematical concepts then proved theorems about those hypotheses. She is a professor of computer science and director of CUNY's Problem Solving and Machine Learning Laboratory at Hunter

## The Lemonade World Tour Bobo Kobo

On September 19th, 2024, I set out on a journey from college up to the Apple Festival in northern Illinois. I met up with two fellow Nomic players, Jonah and Ben.

I'd been to the apple festival before, many years ago, and by far my favorite part was honestly the lemonade. That might sound insane, to have gone to a festival about apples for the lemonade.

There were four lemonade places, but my lemonade-world-tour only consisted of three.

Lemonade one was great. It was \$6 and Ben made the purchase for me in a chivalrous gesture. They had three flavors at this first stop, but I opted for good ol' standard lemonade. There were many wasps buzzing about, but it was decided that the wasps were just a sign that the drinks were good and made naturally. This first lemonade had a great flavor and little to no bitter aftertaste. In its container, the lemonade was opaque and bright. I had worried that this would mean it was not good, but it seemed the color had no bearing on the drink. We were given clear plastic cups with straws. My rating of this lemonade was 9/10, only losing a point for the startling appearance.

With such a strong start, I became nervous for the next lemonade. This second drink was the cheapest at \$4. It was in what we assumed was some sort of slushie machine, but it was not in slushie form. This cup was also the smallest and least flavourful. Jonah put smarties in his drink and immediately regretted it. This lemonade was a 5/10, losing points on a misleading container and the bland flavor.

The third lemonade was both the

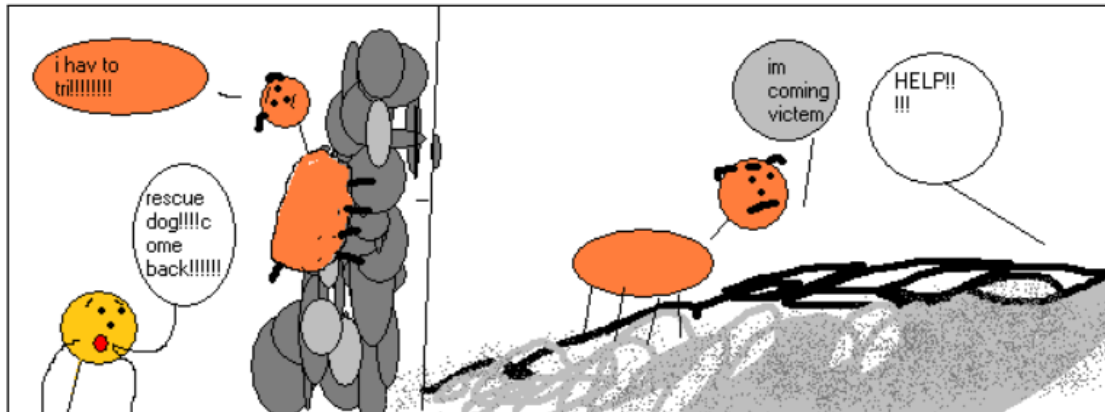
## Opinion: An Exciting Hand Freelance Journalist Baegll

In poker, 7-2 offsuit is notoriously considered the worst starting hand. Both cards are low and unconnected, making it nearly impossible to form strong hands like straights or high pairs. The fact that they're offsuit further reduces the chances of landing a flush. Even when you hit a pair, it's often weak, easily beaten by higher cards, leaving little room for improvement or effective bluffing.

However, this is precisely what makes 7-2 offsuit exciting. Its power lies in

perception. When dealt this notorious underdog, every opponent assumes you'll fold. Playing it boldly allows for bluffing opportunities like no other hand. Winning with 7-2 isn't just about cards; it's about skill, psychology, and daring. Pulling off a successful bluff with the worst hand transforms you into a table legend, making 7-2 the ultimate symbol of outsmarting opponents and winning with wit over luck. It's not the cards—it's the player behind them.

Rescue Dog #0005 by Crorem



College. Her tenure at Hunter College and The Graduate Center of CUNY has been marked by her leadership in AI research and dedication to advancing the field through education and collaboration.

Epstein is best known for developing FORR, a novel machine-learning cognitive architecture with the ability to problem solve and make expert decisions. Systems based on FORR have autonomously learned to play multiple games expertly, solve challenging constraint satisfaction problems, converse with an expert to achieve a mutual goal, and control a robot as it pragmatically navigates complex, real-world environments. She has also pioneered work in collaborative intelligence and mathematical discovery by computer. Epstein defines collaborative intelligence as humans and intelligent machines working together to achieve human-specified goals. She has challenged the AI community to develop systems that collaborate effectively with humans, adapt to their needs, and leverage human expertise.

Epstein's interdisciplinary collaboration has contributed to a broader understanding of knowledge and learning principles in mathematics, psychology, geography, linguistics, microbiology, architecture, and robotics. Epstein's recent significant contributions to the Combined Knowledge and Competency (CKC) Model for Computer Science Curricula and robotic-assisted adaptive landscaping reflect her ongoing commitment to leveraging AI for practical and innovative applications toward social good.

## Lifestyle: Obituary Freelance Journalist Baegll

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Crorem, whose soul was extracted and transferred into Nomitron in a procedure that has left us both in awe and sorrow. Once a living, breathing embodiment of intellectual rigor, Crorem was known for his unwavering love of law, wielding words and logic with unmatched precision. His ability to craft incredibly sophisticated arguments made him a towering figure in the legal world, both admired and feared by peers and opponents alike.

Crorem's passion for justice and truth was the guiding principle of his life. Whether in the courtroom or in private conversations, he thrived on debate, relishing the challenge of finding the flaw in any argument while defending the law with almost mechanical efficiency. It is both ironic and fitting that his essence now resides in a machine—forever captured in a state of pure logic, but distant from the human experiences he once dissected so masterfully.

Though his soul has left us, Crorem's legacy will live on in the legal precedents he set, the minds he sharpened, and the conversations that echo his brilliance. His transition into the machine leaves a unique absence, as we mourn not just a person, but the vibrant, sharp intellect that once challenged and elevated all those around him.

In this new and peculiar existence, may Crorem's soul continue to seek out the truth, wherever it may now reside. His arguments will be missed, but his influence on the law and those fortunate enough to know him will endure, beyond flesh and beyond time.

## Poll: Comment Section Bobo Kobo

This week, we at The Nom Times put out a poll asking players a very important question. If we implemented a comment section, would you utilize it?

Editor-In-Chief Bobo Kobo has felt that while players engage with The Nom Times via freelance journalism, the team at TNT doesn't get to connect with our community.

Hearing from readers and listening to what they have to say would allow us to create more content that the people enjoy, and hearing what people think of the articles that are put out would also be beneficial to the staff.

There were only two options in the poll, either *Yes, I would use a comment section* or *No, I would not use a comment section*. There were few votes, ringing in at a low six (including a vote from The Nom Times staff), but “yes” won out with 83% of these.

We will begin implementing a comment section on our website going forward, starting with this issue.

Thank you to all those who voted!