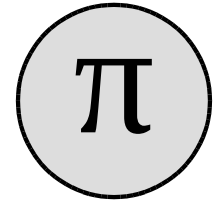




# TONOPAH TELEGRAPH

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## Match Game Canceled

The Westercon 74 Match Game is canceled on orders of the fire marshal. “Playing with matches, what were they thinking?”

## BBQ Uncanceled

We are pleased to announce that the Westercon Barbecue is going to happen on Monday as a self-service operation, and it is solar powered! Bring your own food items you would like to cook and place them on the outdoor grill at the convention center. Don't forget to turn the food over so it can sear on both sides, and watch it carefully, the sun gets really hot.

## WiFi Access

When connecting to the wifi network at the Mizpah Hotel, if you misspell the password as “mizpahghost” it logs you on to the ghost network. This is the modern way to meet the paranormal entities haunting the Mizpah. Instead of trudging up and down the stairs, banging on doors, and pulling curtains, relax in the bar, enjoy a cool drink, and chat with the ghosts online.

## COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests

A very limited number of COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Tests are available for Westercon Attendees during the convention. If you encounter a ground squirrel that is acting strangely, you could be exposed to *hantavirus* or *yersinia pestis*. If you develop symptoms of the plague, a COVID-19 RAT test will not help you; seek medical attention immediately.

## Overheard at the Business Meeting

*“I forgot Standlee rule One. It's been a long time.”*

**July 4, 2022**

**Altitude:** 6,047'

**Coordinates:** 38°4'2"N 117°13'48"W

**Population:** 2,478

**ZIP code:** 89049

**Weather:** Hotter than heck

## Alien Autopsy Clarification

Tonopah, with its unique geology, attracts people from all around the world. We wish to clarify the “Alien Autopsy Party” does not mean our fellow hotel guests from outside the USA. The party will dissect only free-range aliens raised on the Cline Family Alien Ranch. The autopsy will be conducted under guidelines from the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Aliens).

## Driver Needed

Our scheduled Westercon truck driver is out from COVID and we have a load of equipment and supplies that needs to be taken from Tonopah back to Tehachapi. Must be experienced. We need someone whose driven every kind of rig that's ever been made, driven the back roads so it wouldn't get weighed. Contact us, if you're still on your feet, and you're willin' to be movin'.

## One Does Not Simply Walk Into Tonopah

There is no Eagle air service to or from Tonopah, and if you wanted to hitch a ride on a B-24 or F-117, you'd need a time machine. Safe journeys to all on your journeys home.

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