

Think Shakespeare is boring? Check out his punny bits!

1. For the Elizabethans, puns containing references to “high” concepts (religion and politics) and “low” things like bodily functions were considered the height of wit. “Something is rotten in the state of Denmark” is a quadruple pun: the political entity known as Denmark, the embodiment of the state in the king, the state of being in Denmark, and state as slang for the human anus (and thus in the king’s anus). Some of Shakespeare’s puns are simple and some are groan-worthy. “Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by the sun of York,” the opening line of *Richard III*, contains the pun sun/son because Richard is referring to himself, a son of the house of York. In *Hamlet*, Hamlet asks whose grave is being dug. The gravedigger jokes, “Mine, sir.” Hamlet replies, “I think it be thine, indeed, for thou liest in’t.” Mercutio, in *Romeo and Juliet*, makes puns as he is dying. “Ask for me tomorrow, and you shall find me a grave man,” he quips, punning on the meaning of a grave as an internment place and grave as another word for serious. The entire play of *Pyramus and Thisbe* rests on a pun—the crack the lovers see each other through represents a crack in the human anatomy. Bottom’s name in a *Midsummer Night’s Dream* is an obvious pun on the rear end but also on an ass as the animal and an ass as a fool. Bottom’s head turns into a donkey’s head. “I see their knavery,” Bottom says, “This is to make an ass of me, to fright me if they could.”

What a mutual insurance company is

2. A mutual insurance company rests on the idea of a coalition of willing partners. The insureds are repaid in the form of dividend payments or lower eventual premiums. Unlike most commercial insurance programs, which are beholden to outside stock owners, a mutual insurance company is owned entirely by its policyholders.

Amazing Wearable Tech

3. Glasses aren’t just for correcting vision anymore. There are exciting times ahead for wearable tech. What can you do with wearable tech? The question is: what *can’t* you do? In time you will be able to plan your schedule, watch TV, check on your kids, find your car, and plan dinner—all from your watch, glasses or bracelet. Sounds sci-fi? Leave out the fiction part, because wearable tech is right down the road, and a fun road it promises to be!

Radio spot Burn Camp Dance Under the Stars

4. When young children suffer severe burns, it takes a long time to recover. Sometimes they’re rejected by their friends because of their burns, and they feel isolated and lonely. But you can help. Each year, the Foundation for Burns and Trauma opens the Arizona Burn Camp in Prescott. The camp helps young children rebuild their self-worth, experience the outdoors, and learn independence. The Burn Camp is made possible through the support of businesses and citizens who care. You can help, feel good, and have fun at the same time. SCF Arizona and the Yavapai Firefighters are asking for your help and support. Come to the Dance Under The Stars June 7 from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. at the Burn Camp Cantina behind Gurley Street Grille, and make a donation. Or, call Dan Hutchinson at 928-775-8644 to sign up for the Burn Camp Golf

Tournament, June 7 at the Antelope Golf resort. SCF Arizona and your firefighters thank you for your support.

Heat Stress Video Script

VO: The sun is a 10,000 degree burning ball of fire that gives off enough heat to warm the entire planet Earth.

OC: Hi, welcome to Focus on Safety, I'm your host, Greg Fernandez. Solar radiation is no joke. It can make you very sick and even kill you. We're going to talk about the different types of heat illnesses and what you can do to prevent and treat them.