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When Ambrose Bierce disappeared in Mexico in 1914, he left behind a "Devil's Dictionary." His definitions have never been equalled for flavor, pith and bite. They won't be equalled here, either.

Here are some pallid imitations of the robustly devilish Biercian inventions.

**AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PROGRAM:** A governmental plan by which white males must be far superior to women, minorities, or homosexuals before they are allowed to fill a job, if then.

**SIT IN:** a public relations method which would have caused the arrest for trespassing or vagrancy of those trying it thirty years ago.

**EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER:** Anyone willing to hire applicants even against his better judgment.

**WOMEN'S LIBERATION:** Movement attempting to prove that women are capable of doing things today as lousily as men have for years and years.

**MODERN SCHOOL:** A place where the community formerly educated its next generation. It is now used to keep persons occupied annoying others until they can vote themselves welfare checks.

**COASTAL COMMISSION:** Living proof that we can be mis-governed just as well from Santa Cruz as from Santa Maria Avenue.

**PACIFICA TAX BASE:** Over-assessed homes, inhabited by overwhelmed taxpayers, squeezed without letup to furnish an inadequate education and a minimum of city services to ungrateful children and an apathetic citizenry by underpaid employees.

**SAN FRANCISCO VOTER—1976:** A resident of San Francisco.

**SAN FRANCISCO VOTER—pre-1976:** A resident of San Francisco, San Mateo, Marin, Alameda, or Nome Alaska.

**PACIFICA BUDGET:** A tightrope, stretched

between a citizenry unable to pay and employees who demand a raise, walked by a City Council in the dark, hoping against hope that there is a net.

**ABORTION:** The timely removal of an annoyance before someone learns to love it.

**MURDER:** Abortion in the fourth tri-mester.

**DIVORCE:** an antiquated legal procedure unneeded by modern couples.

**LIVING TOGETHER:** a method of avoiding the necessity of undergoing antiquated legal procedures.

**INITIATIVE PROPOSITION:** A piece of legislation so biased that the legislature won't pass it, which then becomes embedded in the state constitution until it becomes so annoying to the citizenry that an equally biased initiative is passed repealing it.

**BUSING:** Operating on a brain cancer by amputating both legs with a dull saw, without anaesthetic, while assuring the patient that it's good for him.

**JERRY BROWN:** A person who uses our lowered expectations to raise his own.

**\$40,000 HOME:** a residence built for \$10,000 20 years ago, and depreciating ever since.

**SHARP PARK:** Pacifica's largest parkland area, owned by another city and almost completely unused by Pacificans.

**THE FISHING PIER:** A bridge to carry sewage water over the waves.

**THE SEWER OUTFALL:** A handy place to put a fishing pier.

**THE SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLANT:** Where our city council meets.

**TCI-PACIFICA CABLE CO.:** An organization which has done more to unite Pacifica opinion than any other group in history.

**ENVIRONMENTALIST:** A person who would like to enjoy the environment without distractions, like his neighbors.