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Tangible User Interfaces
Thoughtless Acts Assignment

“Soccer balls, beer can chicken, and other fun stuff”

Soccer Ball - Soccer balls are generally used for kicking, however they also have an unintended use as a place to sit when the ground is muddy. I took this picture last weekend at my nephew's soccer game. It had rained a lot the week before and the ground was very muddy. I wanted to have my nephew replicate the picture for me, but interestingly enough he refused saying they normally get in trouble for sitting on the soccer balls. I guess it was so muddy that the boy in the picture was okay with getting in trouble.



Tot's Playground - This playground is located on Virginia and McGee Streets in Berkeley. When I used to come here as baby, it resembled an ordinary playground. Now it is filled with toys. I imagine one person accidentally left their kid's toys at this park or "donated" them instead of throwing them away. And when other parents saw these left toys, they "donated" additional toys. Instead of its intended design a normal playground for smaller kids (filled with swings and slides), it's now a playground filled with toys.



Rope Fence - This is a fence located across from Spenger's (located on Fourth Street in Berkeley). While its meant to be a fence, it serves as a nice swing.



(These last two pictures were not taken in the past three weeks, but I felt they were relevant to this thoughtless acts assignment.)

Waiting for the Interurban statue - This statue "Waiting for the Interurban" is located in the center of Seattle's Fremont neighborhood. While it was orginally intended as a statue, it's more common use is a place to decorate and display happy birthday, congratulations, and political messages. While the picture doesn't the sign that probably accompanied the decoration (such as "Happy Birthday Joe!") it does include my sister!



Beer Can Chicken - Beer cans are typically intended for direct consumption, not as a flavoring tool in a barbeque. This picture is of my boyfriend's brother, Dave, cooking beer can chicken. (In essence, a form of smoked chicken that is balanced upon and flavored with a can of beer). Seen here is a Mountain

Dew can. It wasn't flavored with Mountain Dew; Dave used this empty can to house his favorite microbrew.

