The Living Internet
For anyone who finds the mind bogglingly dying for pair of Perl Sensitive Sunglasses whenever conversations involving the terms SSH, POP, IRC, Usenet, and the like come up, look no farther than www.livinginternet.com. In here you will find a wealth of internet/web terms, their history, and more importantly, what the hell they actually mean.

So now you can bravely join in tech-head conversations full of the knowledge that HTML stands for Hypertext Markup Language, and MIME isn't a Marcel Marceau lookalike, as you might think, but is in fact Multipurpose Internet Mail Extensions.

Well organized and easy to use, the site will have you talking like a geek in no time at all.
www.livinginternet.com

Get off the fence
Want to know the world leaders' justifications for invading Iraq? Wondering if marijuana should be routinely prescribed for chronic pain caused by cancer? For anyone having trouble deciding on which side of the fence to sit, look no further than procon.org. This is a nonpartisan, independent, and nonprofit organization, whose goal is to inform the public about controversial issues using facts, news stories, and hundreds of diverse opinions in a pro-con format.

You're almost certain to disagree with almost half of what you read, but you'll come away better informed and -- and if the site's founders have their way -- a better citizen, to boot.
www.procon.org

Karaoke Time
So you think you are a bit of a whiz at the old karaoke? Simon Cowell your best (future) mate? If you can answer 'yes' to these questions, check out this funky karaoke site. For anyone who likes a challenge,
www.procon.org

Japanese at Work
John Saji

Name: Kyuuchan
Occupation: Day Laborer
Age: About 65

Where's your hometown?
Okayama.

How long have you been in Osaka?
Forever.

What job do you usually do?
See the green there? (points to highway divider)
You see those stones there? I set those up.

How many days a week do you work?
Because I'm old, well, three or so.

How much do you make in a month?
I'd say $1,000. I have money for food and for a room. The room is $60,000 (laughs). Would you like to have a go at it? Try!

Do you have difficulties in your life?
When there's no work.

Because you have no money, or because it's boring with no job?
Because I'm old. Almost retirement age. It's tough. If you find a place on the streets, you can stay.

What about the future?
With me, during World War II, my mother and father both died. That's the way of war. I was a kid. I didn't understand war. Grandmother worked the fields. America was bad. Japan was bad. The final declaration came ending the war. Hiroshima and Nagasaki were not the end of the war. The last battleground was Okayama.