Portals are given a new life with Ajax, especially using the Draggable DOM pattern. With this approach, the individual sections are editable right on the main page, and to customize the page, you simply grab them with your mouse and drag them to their new location. Several sites, including the personalizable Google site (www.google.com/ig), have used this pattern, as shown in Figure 8-3.

Avoiding Common Gotchas

We've provided you with the tools you'll need to make Ajax development easier, but you also need to be aware of some common gotchas. You may not run into more than a couple of these issues, but before you start using Ajax everywhere, you should keep the following in mind: 

Figure 8-3. Google Personalized uses Draggable DOM.