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All Webby In Here Today; Atlantic Correspondents Launch

A bit of a surprise greeted us citizens of the Atlantic Media universe today. Not that we won the Webby for Best Magazine website -- we kinda knew we'd get that one.*

But we were also awarded the "People's Choice" Webby in the same category, even though we didn't organize any formal campaign to build support. So we owe our readers some gratitude, and our thanks.

Speaking of gratitude: it is quite humbling to work for a company that is adding money and resources to its online operations during the worst recession since the Depression. The Atlantic is growing, and we'll be adding more features and content soon - - in no small part because of, yet again, our faithful and new readers.

It's entirely a coincidence that news of the award comes on the heels of the launch of another Atlantic expansion. We've convinced 12 fantastic thought leaders to become Atlantic correspondents and blog for us weekly. They include Academy Award winning documentarian Alex Gibney (an Oscar is still a lot cooler than a Webby), adventurer Lane Wallace, tech and culture historian Edward Tenner, my personal favorite appeals court judge -- the incomparable Richard Posner -- and one of the funniest humorists of our time, Harry Shearer. And then, if that weren't enough -- Richard Florida, Hua Hsu, Daniel Akst, Lisa Margonelli, William Haseltine and James Warren. They'll be writing on topics as diverse as medicine, the Army Corps of Engineers, the outdoors and the future of capitalism.

Please patronize our Atlantic Correspondents. And patronize them, too -- or comment, or criticize or cajole.