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RICHNER COMMUNICATIONS ACQUIRES *THE OYSTER BAY GUARDIAN*

GARDEN CITY, N.Y. — Publishers Clifford and Stuart Richner announced today that Richner Communications has acquired *The Oyster Bay Guardian*, the weekly publication covering Oyster Bay and several surrounding north shore Long Island communities.

Richner Communications, based in Garden City, N.Y. publishes 15 award-winning editions of the Herald Community Newspaper, the 10-edition *PrimeTime Xpress* shopping guide, *The Jewish Star* and *The Riverdale Press*. Additionally the company owns and operates www.LIHerald.com and www.FinditLI.com.

Founded in 1899 by Nelson Discrow, The Oyster Bay Guardian has been published continuously for over a century. Richner Communications purchased The Oyster Bay Guardian from Helen Dolan, a member of the Dolan family which founded Cablevision and which owns the daily publication, Newsday.

“Cliff and I are pleased to add another strong community newspaper to our fold. We are optimistic about the future of community newspapers, as evidenced by our investment in *The Oyster Bay Guardian*” said Stuart Richner. He also noted, “As national and world news increasingly becomes a commodity instantly available from many sources at the click of a mouse, our papers and websites focus on the news that has the most direct impact on our readers — their neighborhoods, their schools, religious institutions and all the other organizations that shape daily life in our communities. In most cases we are the only source for independent, original reporting on these issues. In that regard, *The Oyster Bay Guardian* and Herald Community Newspapers are a perfect match.”

The Herald newspapers have a strong tradition of their own for independent-minded community journalism. The papers have won more than a hundred awards in recent years from state and national press associations, often for their outspoken stands on community issues. Whether fighting to close a polluting power plant or to preserve the Island’s dwindling open spaces and scenic wetlands, the Herald has frequently been cited as a catalyst for community action.

Robert and Edith Richner founded Richner Communications in 1964 when they purchased the *Nassau Herald* and *Rockaway Journal*. Since assuming leadership of the company in 1987 Clifford and Stuart have steadily expanded into communities across Nassau County and beyond.

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