

**ARTICLES OF MERGER**  
**OF**  
**MAGIC VALLEY PUBLISHING CO.**  
**WITH AND INTO**  
**LIBERTY GROUP IDAHO HOLDINGS, INC.**

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Magic Valley Publishing Co., a corporation formed and existing under and by virtue of the Idaho Business Corporation Act, §30-1-1105 (the "Idaho Act"), and Liberty Group Idaho Holdings, Inc., a corporation formed and existing under and by virtue of the Delaware General Corporation Law, 8 Del. C. §17-101, et seq. (the "Delaware Act"),

**DO HEREBY CERTIFY:**

**FIRST:** The name, jurisdiction of incorporation, number of authorized shares and the par value thereof and the number of issued shares of each of the constituent corporations which are to merge are as follows:

Corporation	Jurisdiction of Incorporation	Number of Authorized Shares	Par Value of Common Shares	Number of Issued and Outstanding Common Shares
Liberty Group Louisiana Holdings, Inc.	Delaware	1,000	\$.01	100
Magic Valley Publishing Co.	Idaho	1,000	\$1.00	90

**SECOND:** An Agreement and Plan of Merger has been approved, adopted, certified, executed and acknowledged by Magic Valley Publishing Co., an Idaho corporation and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Liberty Group Idaho Holdings, Inc., in accordance with Section 30-1-821 of the Idaho Act, as amended, and by Liberty Group Idaho Holdings, Inc., a Delaware corporation, in accordance with Section 252(c) of the Delaware Act, as amended, pursuant to which Magic Valley Publishing Co. will be merged with and into Liberty Group Idaho Holdings, Inc. (the "Merger").

**THIRD:** Liberty Group Idaho Holdings, Inc., the Delaware corporation, shall be the surviving corporation in the Merger.

**FOURTH:** The certificate of incorporation of Liberty Group Idaho Holdings, Inc., as in effect immediately prior to the Merger, shall be the certificate of incorporation of the surviving corporation.

**FIFTH:** The Merger shall be effective at 11:59 p.m. (Central Standard Time) on December 31, 2000.

**SIXTH:** The executed Agreement and Plan of Merger is on file at the principal place of business of the surviving corporation. The address of the principal place of business of the surviving corporation is 3000 Dundee Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062.

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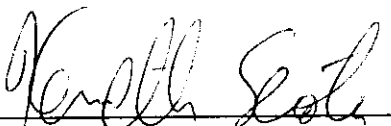
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SEVENTH: A copy of the Agreement and Plan of Merger will be furnished by the surviving corporation, upon request and without cost, to any stockholder or shareholder of Magic Valley Publishing Co. or of the other constituent corporation.

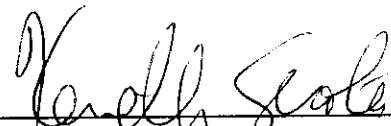
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Dated: December 12, 2000

**MAGIC VALLEY PUBLISHING CO.**

By:   
Kenneth L. Serota, its President

**LIBERTY GROUP IDAHO HOLDINGS,  
INC.**

By:   
Kenneth L. Serota, its President