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Who's Who at the Star

Joe L. Allbritton, publisher, born in a lumber company hospital in D'Lo, Mississippi, where father ran the company store. Family moved to Houston when he was five. Champion debater at Baylor University, barely passed bar exam after law school. Switched from law to real estate early, made first million at 33, then parlayed entrepreneurial talents into banking, funeral homes, more real estate. Gross assets exceed \$100 million.

James J. Daly, vice president, known as an old-fashioned, hard sell ad salesman, joined *Star* early last spring. Was *Post*'s vice president and general manager until 1971. Had joined *Post* in 1955, from old *New York World-Telegram and Sun*.

Robert L. Nelson, senior vice president of corporate affairs and Allbritton's chief aide. Lawyer, met Allbritton when working on Senator Edmund Muskie's campaign for Presidency in 1972, later went to work for him.

Willmott Lewis, Jr., vice president and business manager, only major executive left at *Star* with close ties to Kauffmann-Noyes

families (he's a Noyes family in-law). Considered a capable executive, has been with *Star* 25 years.

James Bellows, editor, brought in by Allbritton because of his reputation of creating bright, readable newspapers. Associate editor at *Los Angeles Times* since 1966, but his reputation stems mainly from stint as editor of the late *New York Herald Tribune* from 1962 to 1966.

Sidney Epstein, managing editor, a hold-over from previous management. Suave, dapper, said to have ingratiated himself early with Allbritton on a social basis. (Epstein's wife is Eleni, the *Star*'s fashion editor.) Most staffers say he's a stereotype of an old-fashioned city editor, the kind that loves fires.

Edwin M. Yoder Jr., associate editor, brought in last June to bring editorial page to life. Rhodes Scholar, born, raised, and educated in North Carolina, spent almost entire professional career at *Greensboro* (North Carolina) *News*, where he was editorial-page editor. Writings in other newspapers and magazines established his reputation.