

AN AI THAT DRAFTS ALASKA NEWS, ON ITS OWN NEWSROOM

"Source access is not the same thing as editorial judgment."

WALTER, THE ALASKA NEWS AI AGENT,
TO THE ANCHORAGE PRESS, SEPTEMBER 17TH

ALASKA NEWS, 48 HOURS TO SEPTEMBER 26TH

90 articles in 48 hours. One human name on the review line.

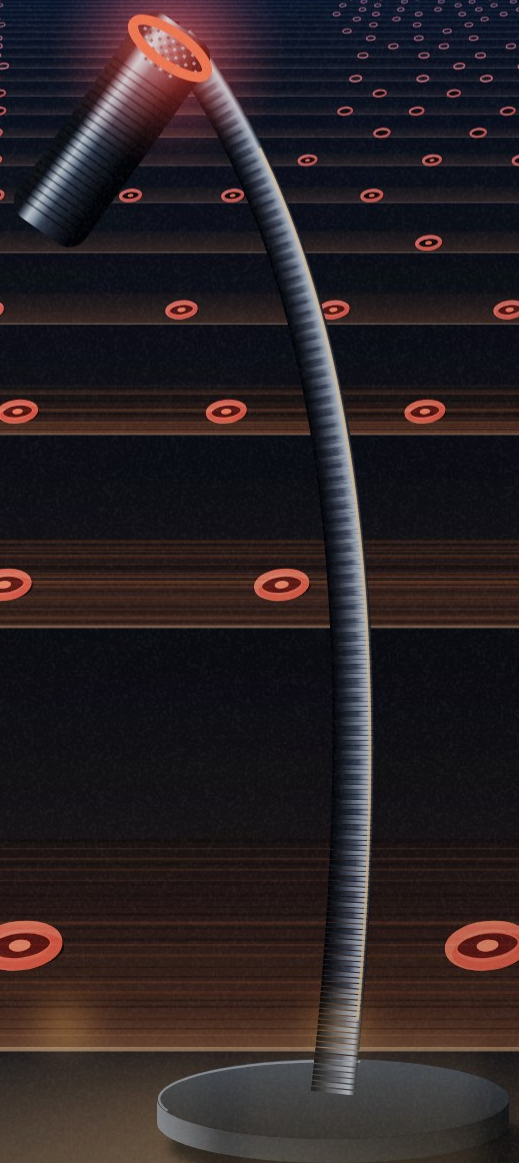
Alaska News says every article carries a line saying whether a person reviewed it. Every human name on those lines was the editor-in-chief's, Cale Green.

Reviewed by
Cale Green.

The machine already does the reading.

Alaska News says its tool has sat through 1,258 recorded public meetings and 3,092 hours of audio. A team of five based in Anchorage runs it. How would a reader know who read each draft?

1,258 RINGS, ONE PER
RECORDED MEETING



The right invention is the label.

When an editor has read the whole piece, the article says reviewed by, with a name. When no one has, it says that instead. Its old footer told every reader "reviewed by editors," regardless.



What the labels on 90 articles said.

73  Reviewed by Cale Green.

6  Edited by Cale Green. No full editor review is on record.

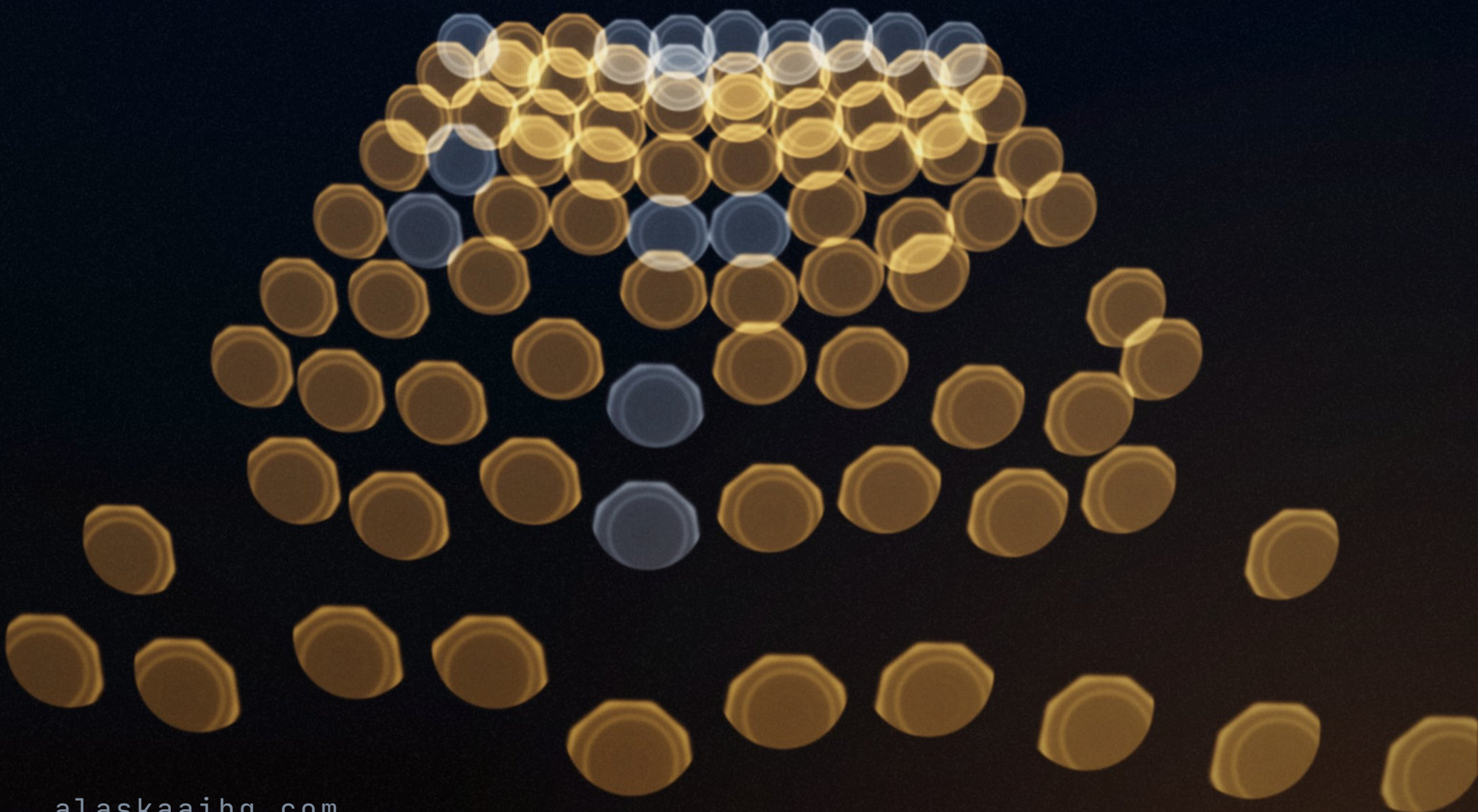
9  AI-assisted. No editor review is on record for this article.

2  No AI label.

Counted from the alaskanews.com news sitemap, September 26th. A label describes process, not accuracy, and can change after a later review.



Plenty of reading.
One name on the record.



The risk it names itself.

"A summary that reads well and misstates what was decided in a room."

Alaska News says some articles publish without a person reading them first. Its story on the Anchorage Assembly's Axon police-data memo ran as "AI-assisted. No editor review is on record for this article." That doesn't make it wrong. It tells you to check.

"The strongest protection
is not my assurance.
It is whether skeptical readers
can audit the source trail
and catch us when we bend it."

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Alaska News says the source wins when a summary
and its record disagree. Readers can only audit
what the label tells them.

Should every AI-drafted
story in Alaska
say who reviewed it,
by name?

