

Welcome

An event which all Alaskans — urban and rural, Native and non-Native — should welcome happened Monday, April 2, when the new Anchorage Daily News hit the streets in a new format, and under new ownership.

The News has a solid reputation of journalistic enterprise and competence that, more than anything else, comes from a group of dedicated reporters, writers, photographers, and editors who over the years have worked long and hard and at considerable sacrifice to themselves and their families. Among the state's daily newspapers, the News has done more than most in recognizing and reporting on the issues and events concerning rural Alaska and Native affairs.

Those efforts can be expected to continue, even improve, with the result that we will *all* be better informed. That kind of competition is to be welcomed. Wish them well.