

# OPINION

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### AP reporter could've done a better job

the time was acceptable.

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On Page 3 of the Feb. 9 issue, there is an example of The Associated Press slanting facts.

The AP article had to do with the time between the report of an incident in Tacoma, Wash., and the dispatch of deputies to the scene. To quote, "... nearly eight minutes elapsed ..."

That wording makes the time seem long.

If the writer's goal had been to make the time seem short, the quote could have been "... fewer than eight minutes elapsed ..."

Readers were led into the reporter's bias.

What should have been stated was the exact time (such as seven minutes, 40 seconds) and let us decide whether