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### **YOUR VIEW**

#### ***Lessons in civility***

It was with disappointment that I read George Will's column of Nov. 30 describing the spectacular rudeness directed to the president by Senator-elect Jim Webb of Virginia. Apparently the attributes of a gentleman are not a requirement of the U.S. senator position.

The night before, I had attended the Arcadia Planning Commission meeting. The topic, the Santa Anita project, has been hotly debated by the residents of Arcadia for quite some time. I couldn't help but compare the demeanor of my fellow residents with that of some of our national leaders. There was absolutely no name calling. Each person was allowed to express his opinion without interruption or heckling. The speakers lined up and waited patiently for their turn at the microphone. Widely varying views were expressed with passion and dignity. Yes, these characteristics can co-exist.

In these days of outrageous political remarks and accusations tossed in all directions, I couldn't help but be proud of my fellow Arcadians.

Sen. Webb and a few other congressmen as well could take a few lessons in civility from us.

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