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Remember [that ridiculous lawsuit](#) by the so-called "Christian Civil Liberties Union" against the the city of West Bend, Mayor Kristine Deiss, the West Bend Library Board and Library Director Michael Tyree? Remember how they argue (without likely ever actually driving to West Bend and reading the book) that the young adult book [Baby Be-Bop](#) includes words that "are derogatory and slanderous to all males, and dangerously offensive and disrespectful to all people" and that "can permeate violence, and puts one's life in possible jeopardy, adults and children alike"? Remember how they are demanding the destruction of the book, the resignation of the mayor, and \$30,000 for each of the 4 plaintiffs?

Well, seems this is getting more attention, and not the kind West Bend wants. Recently the story was picked up by the very popular and influential blogs [Talking Points Memo](#) and [Daily Kos](#), not to mention the [Times Online](#) and the [Drudge Retort](#), and the West Bend community is not cast in a very positive light.

Thanks, Ginny Maziarka.

// This incident has now crossed the big pond: The online site for the major British newspaper, *The Guardian*, [has a story about the CCLU's vendetta](#) against West Bend's copy of Baby Be-Bop. *Cheerio!*