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Religious activists have gathered in Washington to denounce the movie version of “The Da Vinci Code.” Here’s AP religion correspondent Steve Coleman. The Reverend Thomas Euteneuer said that if a movie was as inaccurate and insulting about Islam as “The Da Vinci Code” is about Christianity “The whole world would be up in arms about that as, as it was, uh, about the uh Islamic cartoon.” Jewish conservative Don Feder said “Jews Against Anti Christian Defamation urges the public to boycott this movie.” Ted Baehr of the Christian Film and Television Commission said people don’t need to see “The Da Vinci Code” to feel informed about it. “You don’t have to put your foot in the trap or in manure to know that it’s manure.” Steve Coleman, Washington.

A bike ride through a Canadian national park nearly turned deadly Friday night when a cyclist was attacked by a black bear. The 41 year old victim was rescued after two men heard him yelling. Robert Earl was one of the good Samaritans. “The bear came back a couple of times from different directions, and it was certainly not a comfortable situation.” Investigators believe the victim may have been mauled for some time before attracting the other cyclists’ attention because he was found in the woods a good distance away from his bike. He’s in stable condition.

A new TV channel seeks the youngest demographic yet. Babies. The American Academy of Pediatrics says babies shouldn’t be watching television at all, but they are the target audience for a new premium channel that launches today. Baby First TV costs 10 dollars a month on DirectTV later on cable as well. Its offerings are geared to viewers aged 6 months to 3 years. A Baby First TV vice president says babies are already watching TV, so it makes sense to give them something safe, commercial free and appropriate to watch with their parents. Critics predict that parents won’t watch. It’ll just help harried parents feel less guilty about parking their infant in front of the tube. Warren Levinson, New York.
