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BUM'S RUSH: Response has been uniformly favorable to last week's criticism of media creature Rush Limbaugh. One reader expressed special outrage at the former disc jockey. She related a recent TV segment wherein Limbaugh called singer Sinead O'Connor a word which rhymes with witch, then repeated it several times. This grandma expressed concern that the ugly episode aired when small children were very likely watching. Lush Rambo should do a little more research before he blasts off or blasphemes. While Ms. O'Connor may have strong disagreements with the Catholic Church (she caused the current furor by tearing up a picture of the pope on national TV), she is quite a devout Christian who advocates forgiveness, a central tenet of the belief. Her role model is St. Joan of Arc "because she fought for what she knew was the truth. She took literally what God told her...and died for it," O'Connor recently told Rolling Stone.

Mr. Limbaugh is a shallow buffoon shoveling disinformation down mindless poltroons. His kooky anti-environmentalism would be comical if it weren't so dangerous. And if his mindless zombies didn't believe him. His show could be titled "Night of the Living Brain Dead."

Incredibly, he was invited onto ABC's Nightline to provide a bizarre anti-environmentalist counterpoint to Sen. Al Gore, who destroyed him. Lush Rambo reiterated his belief that no danger is posed by erosion of the ozone layer. Let him tell that to the residents of Punta Arenas, Chile, on the fringe of the Antarctic Circle. "The recent past has seen an increase in Twilight Zone-type reports of sheep and rabbits with cataracts, changes in plants' patterns of blooming and the need of schoolchildren for glasses at early ages," said The New York Times. "These reports have created a low-grade panic among some of the population," the Times stated. Chilean doctors report substantial increases in skin cancers among younger and younger people.

It's no problemo if you listen to Lush Rambo. I don't. More than four years ago, I found I could learn nothing from his shows. I will, however, continue to take him to task whenever the occasion warrants. Christian Sinead O'Connor might forgive him, but I won't.

SOMALIAN INSOMNIA: Somalia is George Bush's Bay of Pigs Albatross Memorial Award to Bill Clinton. (Clinton said he wanted to be like Kennedy, didn't he?)

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