There's still a chance to swing again

Maggie, via e-mail

It appears that KCSN (88.5 FM) has dropped the program. The time slot in which "Swingin' Years" ran is now labeled as "to be announced" and host Cecil has removed references to the station from his own press releases.

But all is not lost. "Swingin' Years" can still be found on Cal State Long Beach's KKJZ (88.1 FM), airing from 6 to 9 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays. If you have trouble with the regular signal, KKJZ also streams its programming on the Internet at www.jazzandblues.org

I just read your article in the local paper, and could not agree more about Sirius and their single-artist channels. To play the same person nonstop is really boring, and if there was just some way to change the channel from one to the other ... oh, wait. ... But you know, what I really miss is the constant flow of commercials on regular radio and, oh, wait. ... I don't miss that at all!

"I have really enjoyed having Sirius in my car and XM at home through DirecTV. Without commercials ... just my opinion ..."

Robert Shearer, via e-mail

For the record, I love sarcasm, and your points are well-taken.

However, the problem with Sirius is that it takes channels I like, and that others like, and replaces them with what apparently are payola channels - channels paid for by the artists. The obvious solution - a channel (or a few) rotating artists of the week/month/year - seems to elude Sirius executives.

By the way, did you know you can also receive XM's music channels on AOL Radio?

"Could you tell me what station Michael Savage is on in the Los Angeles area?"

Devron Conrad, via e-mail

As far as I know, nowhere. He had been on KLAA (830 AM) for a time after KRLA (870 AM) dropped the syndicated talk show. But he's been missing from KLAA ever since the station decided to move closer to sports.

You can hear him on the Internet, though, through his distributor's Web site. Go to www.talkradionetwork.com and you'll find not only Savage, but Laura Ingraham, Tammy Bruce and...
Phil Hendrie, among others.

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