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Please support the legalization of non-profit microradio. This development is essential to the evolution of our culture.

Also, please consider reallocating certain bandwidth for microradio, particularly 75-85 MHz which will be freed up when NTSC VHF is deallocated.

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Thomas H. Aungst (tjaungst@aol.com) writes:

I want the FCC to support the establishment of low power FM stations in small communities.
In particular, I want you to do everything within your power to help start the low power FM station in Dade City, Florida.

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comments: I think this is an important cause. No one listens to radio anymore because it seems that every station is the same as the next. But the corporations that control radio won't change that because they are afraid to take a chance. It's time for some fresh voices!

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