Writing in *The Miami Herald* ("Acceptance doomed alternative weekly," 25 March 2006), Steve Rothaus reported that "The Weekly News has ceased publication... It began as a mimeographed newsletter in 1977 after gay people in Miami-Dade County got trounced at the polls by singer Anita Bryant's "Save Our Children" campaign. *The Weekly News* soon became a full-fledged paper that for 29 years provided information to gays and lesbians throughout South Florida. This month, TWN went away—a victim of economics, the Internet and changing times."

Billy Glover replied, "This is important not because a gay/lesbian newspaper has died, the third in recent months (*Gayly Oklahoman*, and in a sense the Memphis TJN) but that, like Brokeback Mountain, it means the media is noticing g/l news. I can assure you no one covered, and to this day has ever covered, the loss of ONE and Tangents Magazine in the early 70s, yet in the 60s ONE was the only true national g/l publication and covered the news and views in the homosexual community.

Both the gay/lesbian historians and journalists have never covered the importance of ONE, Inc, which was in reality the only resource for homosexuals in the 50s and 60s. Almost every book or article jumps from the early Mattachine (from which ONE came) and includes the first women's group, the Daughters of Bilitis, sometimes just to be pc, and ignores the fact that ONE took over from Mattachine. There is now a biography of Hal Call [by James Sears about to be published by Haworth Press, ed. 's note] that seems to mean that his control of later Mattachine (in San Francisco), even though it never had the membership or 'reach' of ONE, is important, since no one has ever done a biography of Dorr Legg or Don Slater or even Jim Kepner.

There are several 'historical' articles in the current issue of the *Gay & Lesbian Review* (3-06) and one tries to cover the issue of why the fact that the civil rights movement for homosexual Americans started in California is ignored by general historians as gay/lesbian historians. Only one book tries to cover this fact, *Before Stonewall*, edited by Vern Bullough, which gives short biographies of early homosexual pioneers, which shows that most of the truly early ones were in Southern California, starting of course with the founders of Mattachine, Harry Hay, Dale Jennings, etc.

I hope some journalists will now start giving some background to homosexuality today-by reporting that ONE Magazine covered the Miami issues when no other g/l publication did. While there is a newspaper or magazine in every major city, and national g/l magazines and several internet sites covering g/l issues, these did not exist in 1950 or 60 and it is time that common sense tell both the present day homosexual community and the general public that these current resources did not come out of nowhere but there is a history and that what progress has been made on civil rights for homosexuals has been made and built on the work of pioneers who suffered to get us today, just as did those who worked in the civil rights movements of blacks, women and other minorities.

Let's hope journalists will now ask not only why TWN died, but why it was able to exist and serve the community for so long. That would include the fact that people across the nation knew about the events in Miami because ONE Magazine and a few other 'resources' covered and reported on the problems for the community."