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## Something Brewing

If you mention the Brewers, most people will think of Milwaukee's baseball team. Mention the *Cleveland* Brewers, and people probably will remember P.O.C. before thinking of the city's "other" pro football team — the team that didn't go out on strike. The women's football team.

It's not surprising, really: Attendance at games is comparatively sparse, players are paid little more than carfare, and even the news of the Brewers' championship was buried deep in the sports pages. Maybe, to some fans, a woman playing tackle football recalls Samuel Johnson's famous 18th-century comment about a woman's preaching being "like a dog's walking on his hind legs. It is not done well, but you are surprised to find it done at all."

As a matter of fact, it is done well — as was found by PD photographer David Andersen and reporter David Beard, who last August reported on the burn unit at Metropolitan General Hospital for the Magazine. They spent some time with the Brewers earlier this fall. Their story starts on Page 8.

Since then, by the way, the Brewers have been declared champions of the National Women's Professional Football League. They had lost the title game to the Columbus Pacesetters Oct. 9 in double overtime, but lodged a protest over the officiating. The protest was upheld, and the Brewers ended the year with a 6-2 record.

One of my favorite bumper stickers says, "If you can read this, thank a teacher." I like it because it gives some credit to important people in a thankless job — the people who take the flak and must deal with the failures of administrators, politicians and yes, parents.

Last month, the Magazine reported on Board of Education president Ted Bonda and the challenge he faces with Cleveland schools.

This week, we look at a few of the people on the front line — the teachers.

Bill Sones, a free-lance writer whose work has appeared frequently here, found six teachers who go a long way to disprove the old chestnut that "Those who can, do; those who can't, teach."

These teachers "don't sound like the stereotype," Sones says. "The stereotype isn't now and probably never was true. Even in these times, the quality of personnel gravitating to the classroom is quite remarkable."

What teachers face in those classrooms is the subject of writer Peter Jedick, whose interest is more than that of an observer. He has been a substitute teacher in Cleveland and other school systems, and in the past two years has taught in all the junior and senior high schools on Cleveland's West Side — schools he attended during the 1960s.

His prescription for the schools includes "a good strong dose" of the discipline he remembers. But the factor that has weakened schools the most, he feels, is busing.

Jedick is also the author of the book, "Cleveland: Where the East Coast Meets the Midwest."

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Speaking of books, we're happy to note here the release of "The Secret: A Treasure Hunt." Published by Bantam, it contains clues to a treasure hunt for \$10,000 in jewels. Among the major contributors is Greater Cleveland illustrator and artist John Palencar; his work has appeared in the Magazine.

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