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**Surgeon General Warns:**  
*1 cigarette is 1 too many*  
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**'Michael' CD Released**  
*Some question if album is true*  
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## Green Industry

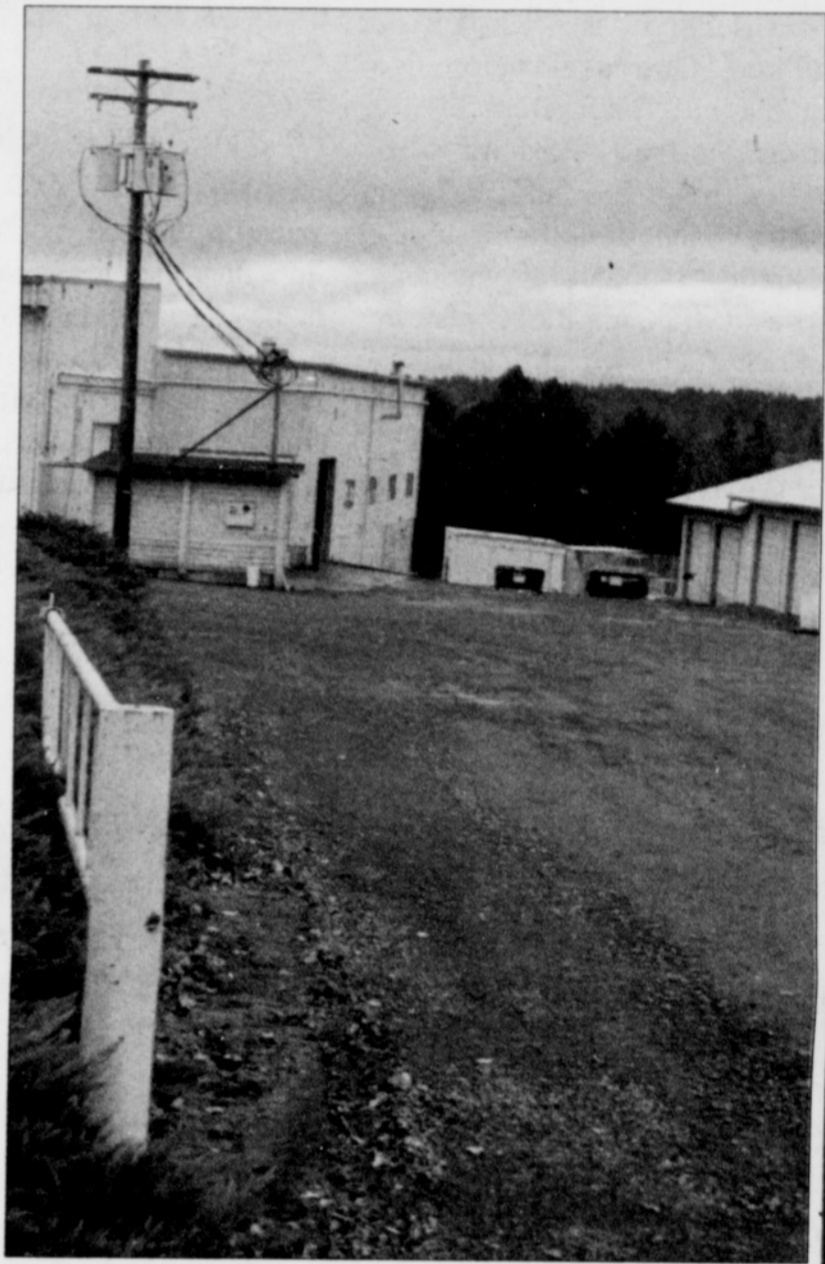
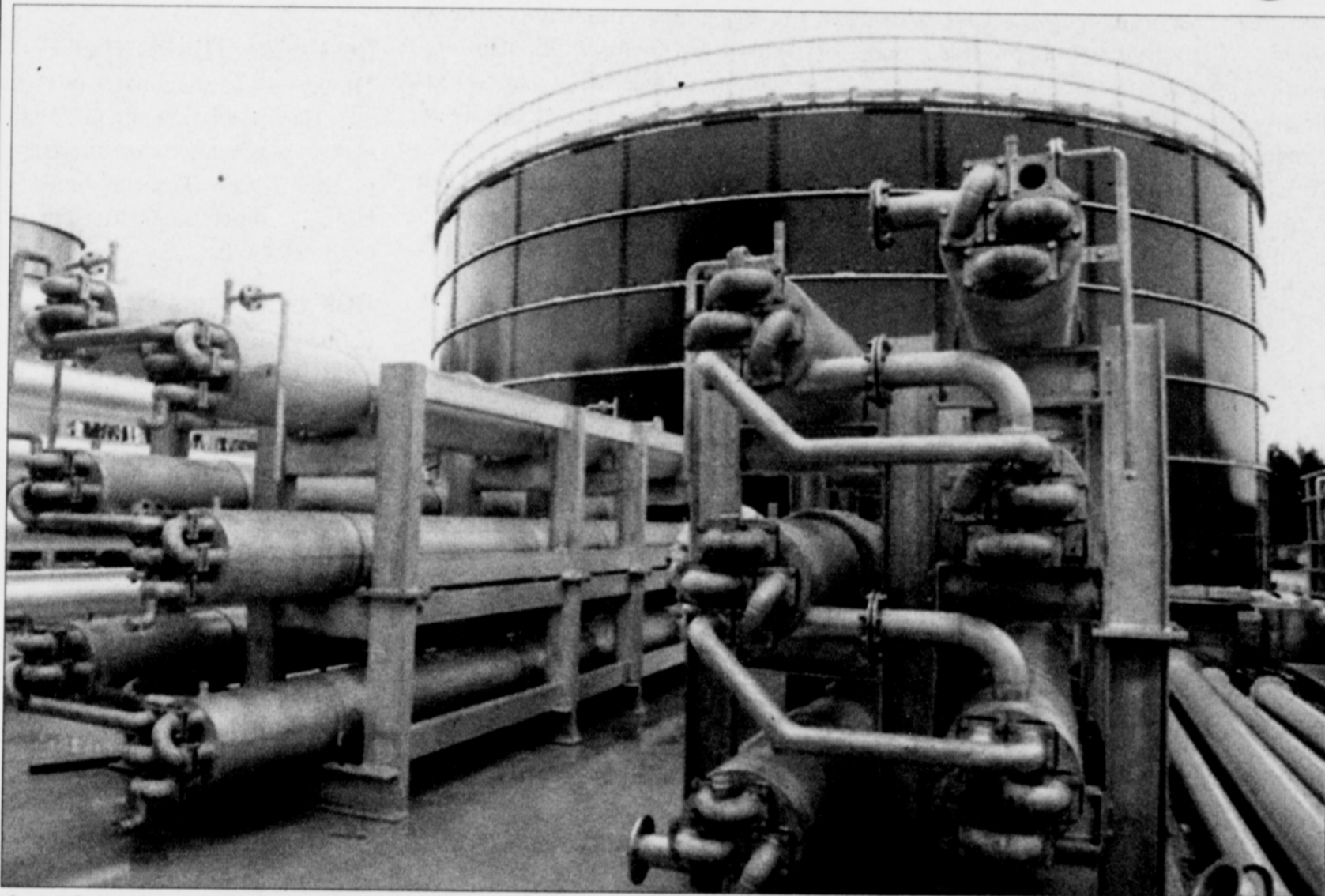


PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER  
A Portland company plans to be the first U.S. firm to turn food waste into electricity by building a recycling facility on industrial land (above) at 6849 N.E. Columbia Blvd.

A cutting-edge anaerobic digestion tank is used to turn food waste into energy at a plant owned by Scottish Water Horizons. A local firm has announced plans to create a similar operation in northeast Portland.

### NE recycler approved; neighbors have concerns

A Portland company has won approval to operate a recycling facility in northeast Portland that will turn food waste into electricity, but neighbors have concerns be-

cause the last effort at green industry near the Columbia Boulevard site caused a foul odor to drift over neighboring homes.

The Metro council approved a franchise permit last week for Columbia Biogas to operate the plant at 6849 N.E. Columbia Blvd. to recycle food waste from commercial and industrial sources, keep about 200,000 tons of waste

out of landfills or the sewer system, and produce enough electricity to power up to 5,000 homes.

Columbia Biogas plans to convert local food waste into renewable power, heat, clean water, fertilizer and soil amendments. The anaerobic digestion operation

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## Major League Colors

### Timbers introduce brand new look

BY DOUG BINDER

Portland's soccer franchise may be new to Major League Soccer, but the Timbers brand already includes traditions, passionate fans and history that extends back 35 years.

As such, the team's leadership is pointing forward with ambition. They are not content to be simply joining MLS. They want to set the standard - with the best stadium amenities, the most electric game

atmosphere, the most passionate fans.

In short, the team is shooting for the moon. And last Thursday's "Runway on the Runway" event inside a 64,000-square foot Alaska Airlines hangar at the Portland airport offered a glimpse of the scale the Timbers are striving for.

First, giant doors were opened to reveal a specially themed Boeing 737-700 featuring Timbers symbols and logos. Then, it rolled halfway into the hangar and a ramp was positioned to connect to a fashion show runway. Timbers players and Alaska Air-

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Wearing the Portland Timbers' new uniforms for its first season in Major League Soccer are Timber defender Eric Brunner (from left), midfielder Adam Moffat, goalkeeper Steve Cronin, midfielder Ryan Pore, midfielder Peter Lowry, and defender Rodney Wallace.