**WTO: 10 YEARS LATER, A CITY CHANGED**

Seattle was the hot ticket, the cool place — everybody wanted to come here. Even the WTO.

Snagging the convention of the World Trade Organization, with more than 3,000 trade delegates from 134 countries, and some 3,000 journalists, capped a long run of successes in the late 1990s for a city that seemingly could do no wrong.

“We had it all,” said Pat Davis, the Seattle Port commissioner who helped arrange the WTO here. “We were in the middle of boom times; everyone said, ‘Sure, why not, Seattle is a Pacific Northwest gateway. We will put Seattle on the map.’

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“The idea was we were going to stage a bizarre conclave of the world’s most powerful people,” said Dave Gross, the Seattle Daily Times city editor for the WTO.

“Then we were going to go out of town — or not travel at all — and come back into town, and you’d think you’d be in a different time zone,” he said.

But something here this time was intended.

“Somebody wanted a battle,” he said.

**TRYING TO CRACK AN OCEAN MYSTERY**

**ALGAL BLOOM KILLED AT LEAST 30,000 BIRDS**

What caused it? Answers may hold broad lessons.

**BY CHERI WELLMAN**

Seattle Times environment reporter

The mysterious bird-killing algae that caused Washington’s ocean beaches this fall with smelly foam from tiny red and green blooms may have iron and copper to blame.

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“What we got instead was the largest street protests and their meaning today”

**THE PLAYERS**

Four people who played key roles reflect on the WTO, a16

**EARLY TUESDAY MORNING (TOP):** Outside the Roosevelt Hotel, a man struggles with demonstrators who were preventing him from walking toward the WTO convention.

**LATE TUESDAY MORNING (BOTTOM):** Police use riot-control gas to clear Sixth Avenue of protesters in front of the Sheraton hotel. Most protesters demonstrated peacefully, but some broke windows and threw bottles and sticks at police...
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vivors, it can cause paralysis and even death. On Puget Sound, the bigger problem is a dinoflagellate called Anabaena, which can cause severe illness and death in humans. Since being detected in Washington in 1991, the species has occurred frequently, showing a peak of about 600 blooms in 1998 and 2002, and averaging just a dozen blooms since then. Some species show a pattern of blooms numbered in the thousands or even tens of thousands of cells. In Puget Sound, we have seen that particular species appear to be responding to an oceanic upwelling that could change the distribution of all sorts of marine life.

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to coastal upwelling pattern that fuels the marine-food web. — dinoflagellates and dia-

and densities. North Pacific Ocean-surface temperatures in 2000 were warmer than in previous years, and that likely plays a role in how dinoflagellates bloom. On Puget Sound since the 1990s, the toxic bloom seems to target the short-tailed sticking to coastal waters to the same extent as the ocean absorbs billions of tons of carbon diox-

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