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*Clayoquot Sound*

In a letter to the president of the international-woodworkers' union, Jean Chrétien suggested that the Pacific Rim National Park could be extended north to Clayoquot's old-growth forests, watersheds and fjords, CP reported. "Extending the area of Pacific Rim would protect the sound while meeting public demand for wilderness experience in this spectacular region of the country", he wrote, adding, "a Liberal government would pursue this objective through negotiations in co-operation with the provincial government and aboriginal peoples."

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*no significant items/  
aucun élément d'importance*

*Other issues/Autres questions*

*GST/TPS*

Jean Chrétien confirmed Thursday that he has had preliminary discussions with the premiers of New Brunswick and Saskatchewan about replacing the GST with a national tax, which would be "hidden" in prices with revenue shared between provincial and federal governments.

*Foreign Affairs - Toronto Star*

An editorial in Thursday's Toronto Star said that "if ever foreign affairs deserved a full debate, this election should have been the time." With the world undergoing upheaval at an unprecedented pace, it continues, "Canada's external affairs policy is at a crossroads." Canada needs to build on its tradition as an honest broker, but, in order to maintain popular support for foreign aid and peacekeeping, "politicians will have to start talking about [foreign policy] much more openly in public, and in Parliament."

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