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Supreme Court hears arguments over damages for Exxon Valdez spill

- News** [more>>](#) *Associated Press - February 27, 2008 7:05 AM ET*
- Election Day Polling Locations**
- Strong Winds Tear Through Valley** WASHINGTON (AP) - The U.S. Supreme Court is considering whether to bar victims of the Exxon Valdez disaster from collecting a \$2.5 billion judgment.
- Details for Bill Clinton's Valley Visit on Monday**
- Mother of Victims Speaks Out in Edcouch Police Chief Case** That's nearly 19 years after the tanker dumped 11 million gallons of oil into Alaska waters.
- LA Mayor Coming to Valley, Texas for Hillary Clinton** In the case to be argued today, Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil wants the court to erase the punitive damage award to nearly 33,000 commercial fishermen, Native Alaskans, landowners, businesses and local governments.
- Asian Cockroach Helping Valley Farmers**
- Valley Basketball Teams Knocked Out of Regionals**
- 'Bionic' Turtle Gives Hope** Justice Samuel Alito, who owns Exxon stock, is not taking part in the case. A 4-4 split would leave the damages award in place.
- CAMPAIGN 2008: Primary Caucus System Explained**
- CBS Delegate Count for Presidential Primary Races** The 987-foot tanker missed a turn and ran aground on a reef in Prince William Sound, causing the worst oil spill in U.S. history.

A jury initially awarded \$287 million to compensate for economic losses and five billion dollars in punitive damages. A federal appeals court cut the punitive damages in half. The compensatory damages have been paid.

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