

2008 starts out stormy and shaken

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Monster storm slams the Sierras, So. Calif.

A levee break [flooded](#) hundreds of homes Saturday as the storm that pummelled the West Coast with high wind and rains dropped a thick blanket of snow on the Sierra Nevada.

6.3 Magnitude Quake Hits Indonesia's Sumatra Coastline

A 6.3-magnitude [earthquake](#) rattled western Sumatra on Friday, the local Meteorological and Geophysics Agency said, causing frightened residents to flee their homes.

Strong earthquake hits Canadian west coast region

A strong [earthquake](#) registering 6.5 on the Moment Magnitude scale the western coast region of Canada early Saturday, but there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage, the US government reported.

Moderate earthquake hits western Guatemala

A moderate [earthquake](#) registering 5.6 on the Richter scale hit western Guatemala Friday night, causing only minor damage, according to reports from Guatemala City.

Two strong earthquakes strike in Pacific Ocean, west of B.C.

A pair of strong [earthquakes](#) struck early Saturday off the British Columbia coast about 142 miles west of Port Hardy.

Tropical storm damages houses in Thousand Islands

A tropical [storm](#) passed through two subdistricts in the Thousand Islands regency Saturday, destroying four houses and damaging 275 others, an Indonesian Red Cross (PMI) official said.