

## 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.