



# National Weather Service

## Storm Data and Unusual Weather Phenomena



April 1997

Location	Date	Time Local/ Standard	Path Length (Miles)	Path Width (Yards)	Number of Persons		Estimated Damage		Character of Storm
					Killed	Injured	Property	Crops	

### MICHIGAN, East

**MIZ047>049-053>055-060>063-068>070-075>076-082>083**      **Midland - Bay - Huron - Saginaw - Tuscola - Sanilac - Shiawassee - Genesee - Lapeer - St. Clair - Livingston - Oakland - Macomb - Washtenaw - Wayne - Lenawee - Monroe**

<b>06</b>	<b>1500EST</b>								
<b>07</b>	<b>0500EST</b>				<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1.2M</b>		<b>High Wind (G70)</b>

A strong cold front tracked across southeast Michigan during the late afternoon on the 6th. Very strong west to southwest winds accompanied the frontal passage, then continued through the night. Gusts to 70 mph were estimated in a few spots during the late afternoon. In Belleville, about 15 miles southwest of Detroit, a 34-pound four-year-old girl was blown several feet through the air, landing on the driveway by her house. She suffered a head wound that required stitches. Elsewhere, a five-story high metal frame for a building under construction in Ferndale was blown down, and two concrete walls under construction for an Ethan Allen furniture store were caved in at Sterling Heights. In the thumb area, a large barn collapsed near Deckerville, damaging several thousand dollars of farm equipment inside, and a large cable TV tower was toppled near Port Hope. The wind damaged trees and powerlines throughout southeast Michigan, resulting in a power loss to 125,000 customers.

### **Oakland County Commerce**

<b>30</b>	<b>1645EST</b>								
					<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>			<b>Lightning</b>

A 34-year-old woman was struck by lightning outside of her home in Commerce Township at 4:45 pm EST. She was taken to the University of Michigan Medical Center where she was listed in serious condition.