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CHARLESTON, IL--Although the launching was accidental, it didn't prevent a Celebration '84 balloon from drifting 700 miles to a landing in Hornell, N.Y.

The balloons, bearing the legend "Celebration, A Festival of the Arts, Eastern Illinois University," were sold strictly as a money raiser and there was no intent to test wind currents or distance.

One of the escapees was found on May 6 by Thomas Greeland near the home of an aunt in the western New York State community. In a letter addressed to Eastern, Greeland inquired about when the balloon was released.

The answer is sometime during the weekend of April 27.