Want to get away? Far away? Really far away? How about to the moon? That’s pretty easy to do. All you’ve got to do is apply to the astronaut’s training program. You have about a 1 in 10,000 chance of getting into that (I just made that number up, by the way). And then you’ve got to go through this and that and then, what, just a dozen people have been to the moon...so that whole idea is pretty bad and I’m even sorry for bringing it up.

But I have a much simpler way to get away for you. How about this? Why don’t you just stand on the Earth and jump to the moon? You don’t have to go through all the astronaut stuff...you don’t have to worry about it. Now, I want you to, before you try to do this, go to your garage and get your space suit out. It’s probably dusty. And put a couple Snicker bars and some water in it and stuff. And then just stand on the Earth and then jump as hard as you can and aim for the moon...wait, we have a problem here...the moon’s going this way and you’re going to take time...you know, forget the moon. Let’s just jump from the Earth, and just jump so you just keep going. That way you can get as far away as you want. So get your suit on, stand there, and take a jump and see if you can get away.

The next link we have here is a link for you that has a simulation in terms of given an initial velocity, it will tell you how high you are going to get and how long it takes to get to that height. And I think you’re going to need this simulation because when you try to jump you’re probably not going to make it away from the Earth. Even Michael Jordan wouldn’t make it away from the Earth. So try the simulation and see if you can find a velocity, an initial velocity, that you can give that’ll get you away from the Earth. And then we’ll be back with you.