

# Fireworks & A Pool On An RV

Quite an enjoyable Independence Day Weekend for us.. made even longer by most everyone having Monday off, as well! Sunday, I work from 8-noon... four hours at time-and-a-half, pretty quick and the extra will come in handy. After work, I came home to see the All-Star picks for the game on July 13: Captain Jeter and Robinson Cano will be starting for the Bombers. After the selections, we watched a thrilling 6-7 Yanks win over the Blue Jays with Marcus Thames (just of the DL) driving the winning run in during the bottom of the 10th. Ace catcher Jorge Posada is day-by-day as he received a finger sprain as the result of a foul tip.

Later on the 4th, we commented that we were all hungry for some hot dogs cooked over a fire but no where to build the fire. So, my oldest brother ran to WalMart to pick up a firepit. That night, we enjoyed hot dogs, toasted marshmallows nearly falling off the stick, and s'mores. Then the kids enjoyed throwing some poppers (ok, I did too) and sparklers that must have been duds because most of them would not light. And we were entertained by the approach of a bullfrog that some thought was a bird. Have we never heard the sound of a bullfrog? There was another sound that can only be described as a laughing monkey or some crazed woman laughing hysterically.

To conclude the evening, I returned home and watched a few episodes of [The Greatest American Hero](#) on Syfy's (yes, the SciFi channel changed its identity about a year ago. I believe, [Derek](#) pointed that out) day long marathon. An interesting tidbit about the name of the high school teacher turned questionable superhero. Click the link above to discover the link between Ralph and a would-be presidential assassin.

Monday afternoon to beat the heat, two of my siblings and

their families and I went to the area pool. Jeff has a pool at home but decided against opening it this year. The public pool was very fun especially watching Chad jump off the diving board and getting stuck coming down the water slide. He did, eventually manage to boost himself along.

Monday night, I watched [RV](#) starring Robin Williams, Jeff Daniels, and Kristin Chenoweth. I thought *Vacation* in recreation vehicles. Suburban dysfunctional family takes a summer vacation to “become closer.” May have been cliched but it still had lots of laughs.

I hope all my fellow tangenteers had a fun holiday weekend!

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# **START SPREADIN THE NEWS!!!!!!!!!!**

**WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP NUMBER 27!!!!!!!!!! I TOLD YOU YANKEES IN SIX!!!!!! FIRST TIME SINCE 2000** (yes, I know some have never or have not had the feeling for many years). Last night, I saw a picture of a past World Series ring on a friends Facebook profile that positively made me drool. Apparently Molly has a connection in the offices of the **NEW YORK YANKEES!** **She was allowed to wear the ring for a day!** **Tonight's hero... Hideki Matsui...Godzilla himself.** Nearly became the first player in history to hit for the cycle in World Series play. A two run home run, a two run single, a double... just missing the triple. The most uttered phrase in sport's history... “The Yankees are world champions!”

Ol' Blue Eyes is singin now!

**MVP... HIDEKI MATSUI!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Fans in Japan are**

**celebrating at 1.07PM. 6 of the seven RBIs!** Not too bad for a DHer whose contracts expires this year and is questionable?

I was even at work through the first three innings with my cell phone giving updates!

Winning pitcher... Andy Pettite!

Game 5 was a fluke... just getting it back to NYC... and deservedly so to christen the new cathedral right!

Great series... great games... great season! Ok... maybe this will be the end of my Yankee's posts for the next 5-6 months.

And the OTHER fab four: Pettite, Mariano RIVERA... BIG MO, Jorge Posada, **AAAAAND CAPTAIN JETER!!!!!!** OK... **SO MAYBE THE PARADE ON FRIDAY!!!** No thanks to the brilliant (HA!!!) COMMENTARY OF JOE SCHMO BUCK!

So... until spring training begins.... **THE YANKEES WIN!**  
**THAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAA YANKEES WIN!**

**FINAL SCORE.... PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES 3, WORLD CHAMPION NEW YORK YANKEES 7!!!!!!**

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## **Overall, A Series-ly Wonderful Day**

Ok... the big item. The Yankees are off to THE WORLD SERIES! After a bit of speculation about the pitching decision (I thought all along that Andy Pettite was the way to go since he as pitched in numerous big games and now has the most post-

season wins of any pitcher). Once again, a great game and I was flabbergasted when the combo of Buck and McCarver began to be silenced when the Angels remarkably made two errors in a row. The quartet of players who were flying high in the late '90s (Captain Jeter, Pettite, Jorge Posada, and closer extraordinaire, MARIANO RIVERA) will be joined by second year skipper, Joe Girardi (who was also the catcher in the late 90s and now is the fourth person to play on a World Series Yankee team and later coach another to the series).

NOW, for even better news on a personal level (close but yes even better), I will be playing the role of the eeeeeevil Mr. Potter in the Village Players' production of *It's A Wonderful Life*. Travis called me earlier and informed me that I need to put on my mean face. I love playing the villain. Can't wait to get started! And it is now projected to run 2 weekends (December 11-13 & 18-20).

**GO YANKEES!!!! AND NOW I CAN TRY OUT THOSE ERASABLE HIGHLIGHTERS** (I was hoping that it would not be a long wait).  
**BOOYAH!**

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## **Ok... So It Won't Be Another Sweeping**

Yep... once again... an extra inning pitching duel. Captain J started off the afternoon just after 4PM with a single homer. A-Rod, Johnny D, and Posada added their own throughout the game. However, single HRs often do not win games, correct? I do think the Yanks went a bit too deep in the bullpen... but that is just a bit of armchair coaching. Final: Yankees 4...Angels 5 in 12. At least it was a late afternoon game

unlike Saturday night into the wee hours of Sunday. Game 4  
Tomorrow Night 7:30... C.C. back on the hill!!!!!!!