

"Public sentiment is everything. With it, nothing can fail; without it, nothing can succeed."

*Abraham Lincoln*

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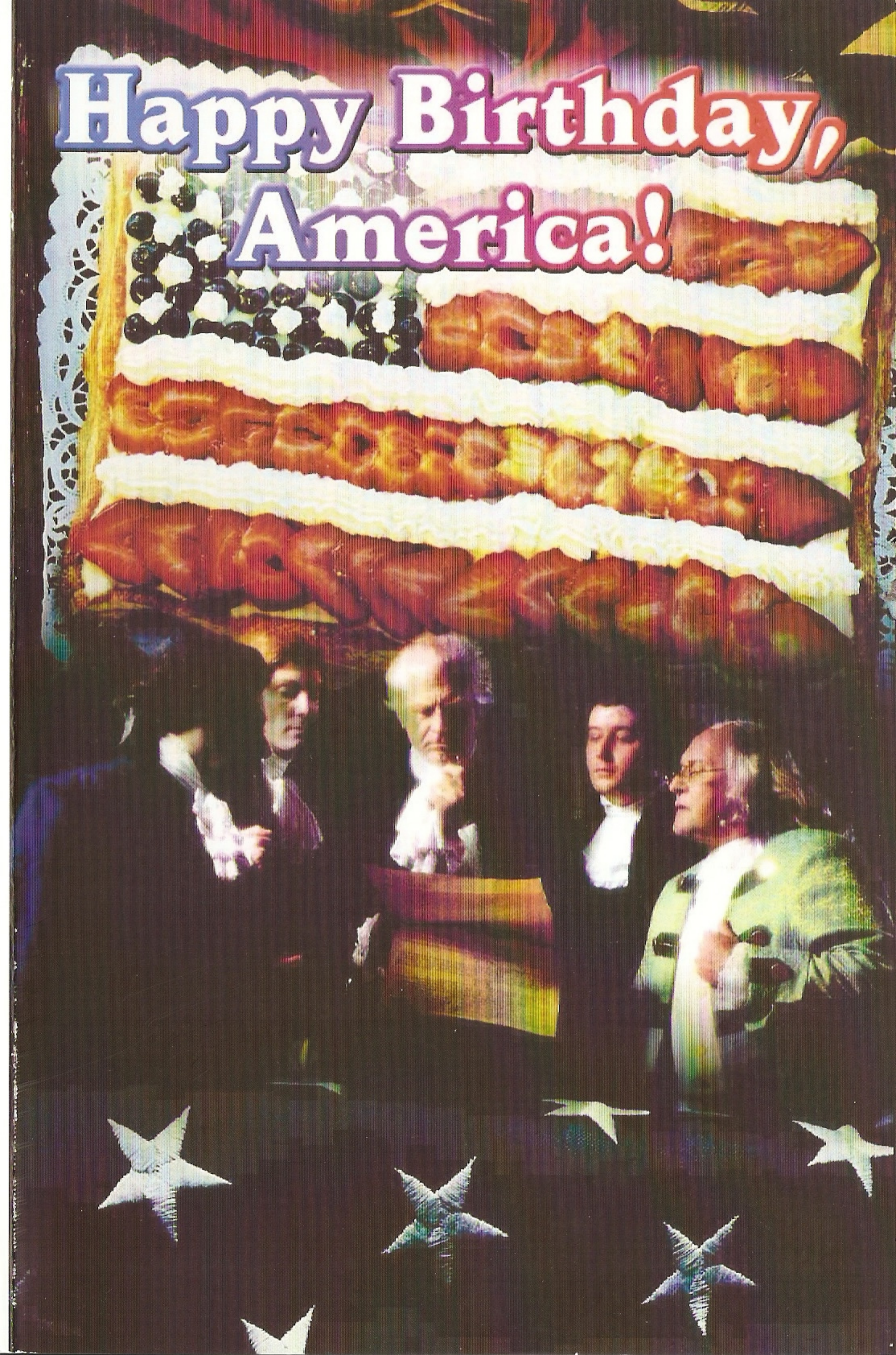
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## The American Soul

Happy Birthday, America! We have much to celebrate...even as we grieve...and fight.

For almost 20 years we've marked our nation's birth with a card that combined humor, (really bad) poetry and patriotism. But reflection and resolve are the legacy of our 3000 countrymen.

We believe they're proudly looking at us now, these angels who didn't ask to be heroes, but who will be forever. They see the whole of our great country: a sanctuary for liberty, individual freedom, and, above all, hope.

A country—and people—like no others...ever.

They see our unique spirit—*our collective American Soul*—and it shines as bright today as it did Sept. 10. A soul that fiercely guards freedom, to the death, if necessary. A soul that battles to win, but seeks fairness in victory. A soul that sees injustice and tries to fight it. *A soul that created the most powerful, yet most compassionate civilization the world has ever known.*

A perfect soul? Of course not. But one filled with so much hope and promise—even after 226 years—that people around the globe risk life and limb to be imbued with it.

A soul so special that it will *always* torment evil...and thwart the designs of power-hungry barbarians. They seek to murder us, they certainly hurt us, and their goal is

nothing short of our total destruction. But we *will* prevail...*a soul cannot be killed.*

So it is time to celebrate. Let's give thanks for the blessing of The American Soul under a canopy of festive fireworks. Together, we'll "ooh" and "aah" as the dark sky comes alive. Maybe, briefly, we'll catch glimpses of our *missing* souls, smiling on us, quietly encouraging us forward.

Reminding us who we are, what we must do and what America means for the freedom of man. May God always bless America...may God always bless The American Soul.

### Happy Independence Day!

Polly, Lindsay & Steve Kaufman  
with Oliver the Wonder Cat

