Subject: Down at the vid store
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I don't watch MTV anymore but I did see a music video whichwas picked up by the local video store. It was a version of "In The Mood" by The Brian Setzer Orchestra.I stopped in my tracks to watch the thing with my neck bent out of shape to look at the store monitors. BSO is prob'ly my favorite band of all time next to Ted Heathin the Golden Age period. (British readers will understand this reference-- maybe .) The video reminded me of an old tv show called The Lively Setwhich featured acts of the early 60's in the same sort of Southern California hot cars and fast women-- or fast womenand hot cars video as was put together for BSO. The Lively Set was MTV before it's day: Oscar Petersen playing at a tiki bar in Hawaii, Mel Torme doing Don't Get Around Much Anymore from behind bars-- I wonder of the kinescopes of that are around anyplace? I've seen BSO live and it is a great show. And a greattest of speaks to play some big band music fronted by a lead guitarist. This is the unique thing that Setzer did.All the cds have that big power sound and the originalslike "Switchblade 327" and "Rumble In Brighton" are everybit as good as the standards the band plays. Currently Setzer has returned to a smaller format anddoing pretty much a retro rock thing in the "Drive LikeLightening, Crash Like Thunder" vein. But the big band, the classic hot rods and the jitterbugsgave a hint of what the retro swing fad could have been. For the rest of the time, there's Low Rider magazine at the supermarket.