Subject: Re: Ken Nordine - new to me the Waitresses and others
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One from the Christmas cd never made it into permanentpressing and that was a tune by the Three Courjettescalled Chrsitmas On Riverside Drive.Oh, and the best one.... on the shape disk it's hard even to lookthose up from lists because there was something off aboutthe label printing but I'll try to find it from my oldplaylists if you want.What it was was the best "Silent Night" ever made. Female vocalistpunk backbeat. Trust me, this thing worked like anything. Iactually get misty when I hear it. It's not just a Christmas song done against type or style-- that's not it. It justworks as a piece of music. And I'm sure that the James Dobsoncrowd would hate it and call it blasphemous or something. But the job of the artist is to have you hear things in new ways. I consider it one of the best pieces of all time. It's totally forgotten except in that I hold it in my memory and it is now part ofmy 'oral tradition' like a personal history. So I talk about it when I can. See other posts with new entries about Brother Theodore and Lord Buckley too.Other the last couple days I've been making samples of Ska andswing bands for next year's Waterfest which is held throughout the Summer here on Thurs. nights. I've seen Big Bad Voodoo Daddyat one of these events and also Los Straightjackets with the World Famous Potani Sisters.Voodoo Daddy is swing of course and Los Striaghtjackets playsurf, surf punk and twist party music. I had heard of thisact before I actually saw it. Worth seeking out.For next year I am making samples of ska by The Scofflaws and swingby Royal Crown Review and The Mighty Blue Kings.The pick of the new entertainment as opposed to stuff I knowis definately the Los Straightjackets. I had a chance to talkto some people at the event who knew the band. It looks like a novelty act what with the Potan... excuse me, The World FamousPotani Sisters, but some of the members have been playing sincethe surf punk revival in the 80's with bands like The Ray Beatsand Agent Orange. Where they picked up the Twist thing I'llnever know. The twist tunes are recognizable from the likesof Chubby Checker. Waterfest is an outdoor pavillion event witha brand new band shell. These party tunes worked out real well.Gas prices have kept me off the road, but I may make an exceptionto go see Steve Lucky and the Rhumba Bums. One of my favoritepieces from the swing reval of the late 90s is Lucky's "Rumpus RoomHoneymoon." It sounds like an impromtu wedding with a bunchof methamphetamine tweakers to a jump blues beat.
The World Famous Potani Sisters