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Back in 2004, The Killigans dumped their ska sound for a working-class mixture rooted in traditional Irish sounds that incorporates some elements of folk, Americana and punk rock.

That's a propulsive drink-and dance-inducing mixture. So it's little wonder that The Killigans have become one of Lincoln's most popular and entertaining bar bands.

They've captured much of that appealing sound on "Live at the Zoo Bar," a new CD that rambles through 13 songs, accordion, fiddle and mandolin blazing away while never losing the beat, even on the slower songs.

Because it's a true live album, recorded on April 19 by Bo Rose, "Live at the Zoo Bar" isn't a perfect recording. But it sounds great and it gets The Killigans and their rollicking sound down far better than any studio effort could. This is a band that lives to play for its friends and fans and drink a beer or three while doing so.

In other words, if you're a Killigans fan, get the CD to take

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the party home. If you haven't heard them, it's a fine way to check out an excellent Lincoln band.

Appropriately, The Killigans will hold a CD release party for "Live at the Zoo Bar" on Saturday night at the Zoo Bar. Opening the 9 p.m. show will be The Bellflowers.

On screen

A half-dozen movies open in Lincoln this week, all typical January fare. The best of the lot looks like "Notorious," the biopic about rapper Biggie Smalls, a.k.a. Notorious B.I.G. Picking a box office winner of that pack is tough. "Hotel for Dogs" aims at the kid crowd that has been topping the charts of late, while "Paul Blart: