Local surf-rock trio Hit Gone Bad will play Friends & Co. Friday night before taking a hiatus.

"It's a unique show that has brought something different to comedy and news coverage," said Hilary, the network's general manager. "It's a flagship show," Hilary said. "We're really pleased that we were able to do this."

Hilary said that writing for an instrumental band is a bit easier because, "we don't have to worry about things not fitting." However, he also pointed out that songwriting is never easy. Although Gierhahn served as engineer and producer on the band's previous self-released efforts, Hit Gone Bad chose to go pro for their "five and one-fourth" song EP "High Speed Chaser." It was recorded in one day in December at Matt Talbott's Great Western Recording studio in Tolono.

The EP's title cut was sent to drummer Johnson, former Naked Raygun and current Bomb frontman Jeff Pezzati's jettison Music, where it is set to appear on a jettison compilation which will reportedly include the band's songs like "The Matics, The Arrivals, Mexican Cheerleader and Muchacha."

Although Hit Gone Bad continued to draw well in Charleston and enjoys playing local venues and house parties, they have made a strong effort to play shows in Champaign and Chicago. Champaign has especially treated the band well as The Highdive has called on Hit Gone Bad to open for the likes of The Blackouts, Captured By Robots and Ghosh Town.

Recently The Blackouts approached Hit Gone Bad about playing on a bill with them at Mike & Molly's in early May. The show will be Hit Gone Bad's final show for some time as Manning's departure for Colorado will follow only a few days after.

Scott Ducar and Dave Gierhahn of Hit Gone Bad at their September 2002 performance at Friends.

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