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Clementine band's Squeaky Wheel Tour helps search for missing people

Band is brainchild of woman whose sister vanished in 2000

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A band called Clementine will perform from 6 to 10 p.m., Friday, Oct. 16 at Khoury's Restaurant to raise funds for GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDATION. The restaurant is located at 110 N. Marina Dr., Long Beach.

The \$22.50 donation includes appetizers and an evening of entertainment and fun.

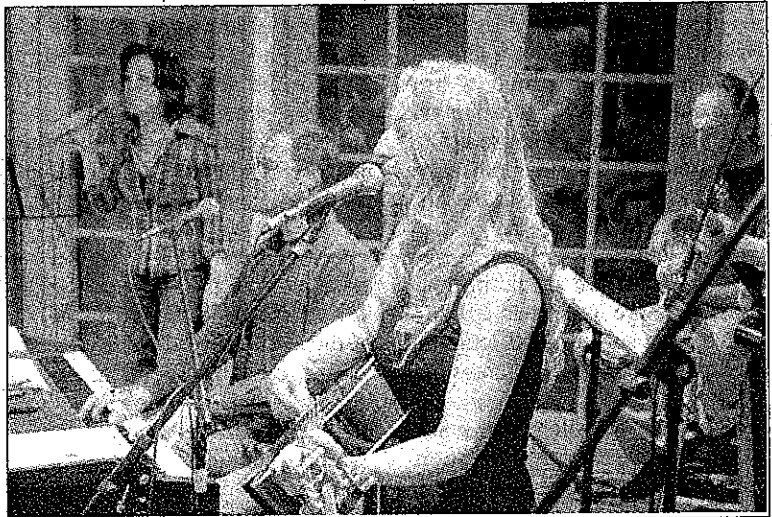
The event is being sponsored by the Auslich Ski Club of Belmont Shore, which chooses a beneficiary charity annually.

Last year, more than \$1000 was raised to purchase phone cards for Support Our Troops, a special project sponsored by Grace Community Church of Seal Beach. An additional \$1000 was donated to Make-A-Wish Foundation. This year GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDATION is the beneficiary charity. GINA's mission is to find missing people by any means possible and bring them home.

GINA is the brainchild of Jannel Rap, a singer/songwriter in Southern California, whose story and charity has been publicized on television, newspapers and magazines in hundreds of cities from coast to coast.

The story begins with events that took place Oct. 17, 2000.

After the encouraging applause, Gina Bos, Jannel's sister, left the open-mic stage, visited with friends for a while, and then walked to her car where she placed her guitar into the trunk. What happened next is anybody's guess, because Gina, 41, never made it home to her three chil-



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dren. Nine years have passed since that October night in Lincoln, Nebraska. Gina's whereabouts remain a mystery.

Once she learned from authorities that her sister was missing, Jannel Rap never felt so far from Nebraska. Several trips from California proved uneventful. Jannel will never forget her young son's question, "Did you look everywhere, Mom?" For months Jannel and her Nebraska family tried to make sense of their unbelievable loss as they fell deeper into the heartache and desperation that comes with unresolved closure when a loved one goes missing.

Out of the void, GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDATION was formed. For Jannel, it became obvious that media attention is a major component leading to the whereabouts of a loved one. But when the missing person's story

lacks sensationalism or celebrity scandal, publicity often wanes and clues to the puzzle go by the wayside.

Jannel, a talented musician in her own right, made a decision to reach for media attention through her music. From her performance stage, she and her band "Clementine" draw attention to unsolved missing person cases. In the process, Jannel is able to educate the public on what to do if they have a personal story about a missing person.

As Clementine travels from city to city, stories of missing persons and their photos are incorporated into each performance. Through performance Webcasts, local cable coverage, and newspapers, GINA for Missing Persons has been successful in profiling unsolved cases. Proof that their efforts work is demonstrated in the

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The 2008 Federal Bureau of Investigation report on missing persons indicates that close to 800,000 people were reported missing in the United States. The number is astonishing because it includes missing seniors, runaway children, abandoned children, victims of family abduction by a parent, and nonfamily abductions. Of

the 800,000 reported missing persons, there are more than 110,000 active, unresolved, and ongoing missing person cases across the United States.

Sgt. Rick Ransdell of the Seal Beach Police Department confirms that the majority of missing persons reported in Seal Beach are children and seniors who are found and return home. In his 20 years of service, an incident comparable to Gina Bos' has never occurred in Seal Beach.

Unlike the Cold Case TV series, the disappearance of missing persons often remains unsolved; particularly if the incident does not command media attention. Once reported, law enforcement seeks out the missing person who may later become the subject of investigation, but all too

often as time passes these people fall off the radar. Gina Bos is one of those unresolved cases.

The most profound aspect of the real missing persons stories are the families left behind and the quiet desperation they face. GINA For Missing Persons FOUNDation brings attention to unsolved cases keeping their spirit alive, no matter how old the case may be.

Nine years have passed since its inception, and today there are numerous GINA Artists worldwide.

The objective of the GINA For Missing Persons FOUNDation is to draw immediate media attention to a missing loved one. "It is my hope that one day major recording artists will profile missing people in cities where they

perform," Jannel says. GINA for Missing Persons has been successful in recruiting other local bands to follow their example, complete with a performance script to support the cause. With media attention, the performance stage often becomes a catalyst for uniting families.

For her efforts, Jannel was honored in 2008 as one of Music Connection Magazine's Top 50 Innovators, Iconoclasts, Groundbreakers and Guiding Lights in the music business. Other recipients of this recognition include luminaries Trent Reznor, The Eagles and Robert Plant.

With a strong Internet component to their program, GINA for Missing Persons FOUNDation programs quickly connect local communities to the face of their missing person.

The GINA For Missing Persons FOUNDation is a 501 C3 non-profit charity under Tax ID #EIN: 26-0232811.

For ticket information contact John and Gigi Maidlow at charity@auslichskiclub.org

To date, more than 400 missing people profiled by GINA have been found.