

found an animal that can withstand my care: cats. Yes, it's true. Not only do they thrive and live to ripe old ages at my house, I have spares.

So you can imagine what kind of shock it was for me when my daughter said our normally energetic orange cat, Wally, looked "floopy." For those of you without pets, "floopy" is a very sophisticated medical term made up by my daughter that apparently means a cross between looking lethargic and hung over. After a quick check of the liquor bottles in the kitchen cabinet, we concluded that it was the former, not the latter.

Sure, some of you out there are probably thinking, "So what?"

ing because Wally is the type of cat who, if he was a person, would be the guy at the party dancing on top of the table with a lampshade on his head. Sort of like the feline equivalent of a college frat boy.

So I did what any caring and conscientious pet owner would do: I called the vet. And that, my friends, was my first big mistake. OK, OK. Let me stop right here and say that I have nothing against vets. I know they are professionals in a noble career who deserve every penny they earn. However, given a choice, no one on this planet would rather pay for "X-rays and shots" when all that money could go for, say, a nice Hawaiian vacation. But, as any good pet owner

local drug store and called it a day. But no. Instead, I was faced with the three most expensive words in the English language: Bring. Him. In. Oh, sure. I knew it was coming. So being the guilt-ridden pet owner that I am, that's exactly what I did. That was my second big mistake.

Not because I didn't want to, mind you, but because, as anyone with pets knows, once you get to the veterinarian's office, any symptoms they had automatically disappear. Any sign of lethargy or sickness is automatically replaced with energetic hissing and swatting, much like the kind you see in herds of ferocious wild monkeys on "Animal Planet."

Needless to say, when I car-

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until Sept. 25. 510-339-0340.
"Gypsy" opening night fund-raiser —
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the Arts, 3467 Sonoma Blvd., Suite 10,
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Point Molate Restoration Advisory Board Meeting

The Department of the Navy (Navy) has partnered with environmental agencies and the community to coordinate the environmental restoration and cleanup of Point Molate under the Navy's Installation Restoration (IR) Program. The Point Molate Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) supports the IR Program. RAB meetings are **OPEN TO THE PUBLIC** and are intended to provide an open forum for the community to attend and participate in the IR Program at Point Molate.

Join us on **Wednesday, July 6, 2005, at 7:00 PM** at the **Richmond City Library, Madeline F. Whittlesey Community Room, 325 Civic Center Plaza**, for the next RAB meeting.

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Bloom, BRAC Environmental Coordinator, Base Realignment and Closure, Program Management Office – West, San Diego, CA, at (619) 532-0967 or by e-mail at michael.s.bloom@navy.mil

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