

crochip installed — a device with the cat's identifying information, for which Greenhill has a special scanner. Although Greenhill puts such microchips into every animal they adopt out, mine was not scanned at all.

When I called to request all the documents related to my cat's murder, Johnni warned me that I had no legal repercussions. She said that "cats are like squirrels" with no rights in Lane County. That cat was my baby, and he was treated like an inconvenience and disposed of.

Sara Taylor
Eugene

EDITOR'S NOTE: According to Greenhill's Johnni Prince, the statements here are "inaccurate and come from Ms. Taylor's pain, grief and guilt rather than the facts of the situation." Prince said the cat in question was found in Veneta with no visible identification and was too wild and aggressive to scan for a microchip, despite multiple attempts. She said a microchip was found after the cat was euthanized (after three days), but the phone number on the registry was no longer valid.

STEP UP, DAVE

I'm sitting here at a desk in Logan, Utah (I'm a new Ph.D. student at Utah State University) catching up on news from home (Eugene) by reading *EW*. I just read about the racist acts on the University of Oregon campus. I read how the FHS program has stepped up to help its student, and then I read, getting sick to my stomach, about how David Frohnmayer has reacted to the situation. To tell someone how they should protect themselves from these racist acts, and not make a public statement about racism on campus is despicable. We need to create a community where racist acts are not swept under the rug and responsibility placed on the shoulders of the victims, and frankly, Frohnmayer should be taking the lead.

I know that there are people in Eugene dealing with their whiteness and their own racism, I know that there is a small community effort to step up and do the right thing, but that effort needs to grow. I love Eugene, I love the fact that I get to tell people that Eugene is my home, but when I read stories like this, I get ashamed. The UO is a huge part of my Eugene home, and I continually wonder when Frohnmayer and the administration are going to step up and start creating a hate-free safe environment for all members of the UO and Eugene community?

Seriously, Dave, stop hiding and do something, people are counting on you.

Brooke Robertshaw
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OIL WAR, AGAIN

The current situation in southern Lebanon, as far as we are being told, is that Hezbollah captured two Israeli soldiers, and Israel invaded and began bombing Lebanon both in retaliation and in an attempt to rescue the soldiers. On this first day of fighting, three Lebanese and eight Israeli soldiers were killed, yet Israel continued the attack in what was, as others have pointed out, a completely out-of-proportion reaction. Frankly, nothing Hezbollah has done justi-

fies a full-scale attack of southern Lebanon.

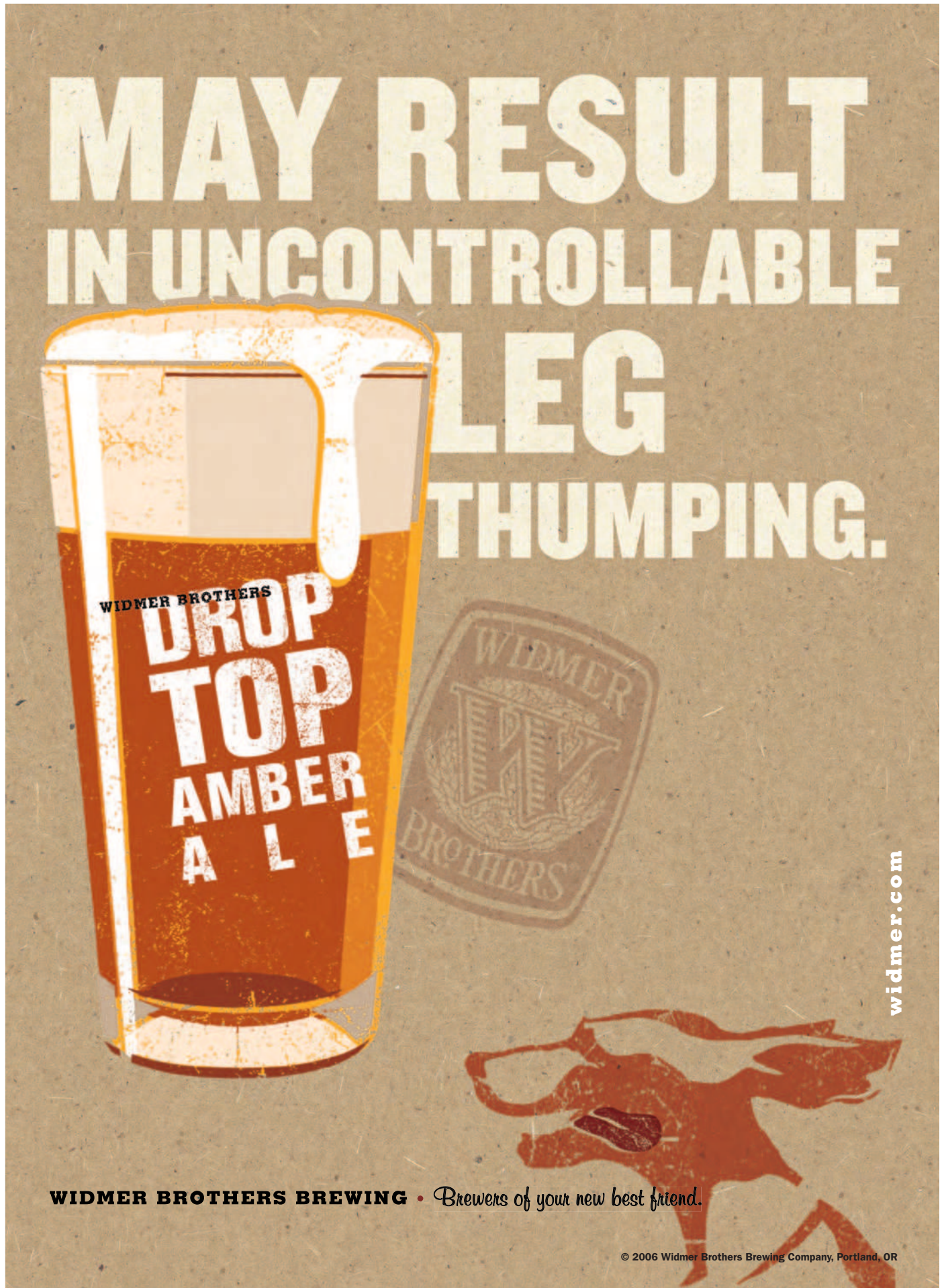
What we are not being told, and I hate to sound like some rhetoric-spouting broken record here, is that this new war, once again, is about oil. July 13 marked not only the start of the Israel-Lebanon conflict, but the inauguration of the Ceyhan-Tblisi-Baku pipeline (BTC). The BTC pipeline runs through Turkey, Georgia and Azerbaijan, linking oil fields in the Caspian Sea to the Turkish port of Ceyhan on the Mediterranean. The chief shareholder is British Petroleum.

Israeli control of the entire eastern Mediterranean coastline, including Lebanon, would protect the security of Western oil interests in the area. It would also allow an already-envisioned underwater pipeline to be

built linking Ceyhan, and the end of the BTC pipeline, directly to Israel, along the coast of Lebanon. A U.S. invasion of Syria, Iran, or both, doesn't seem unlikely following this either, as that would further ensure the security of the BTC (the pipeline runs very close to the Turkey-Syria border at one point).

The most shocking part is that we are being told absolutely nothing about it. My hat goes off to anyone who's even heard of the BTC pipeline, and it's been in the works for several years. Here is a well-defined, seemingly obvious explanation for an otherwise nearly pointless conflict, and the mainstream news media haven't said a word.

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