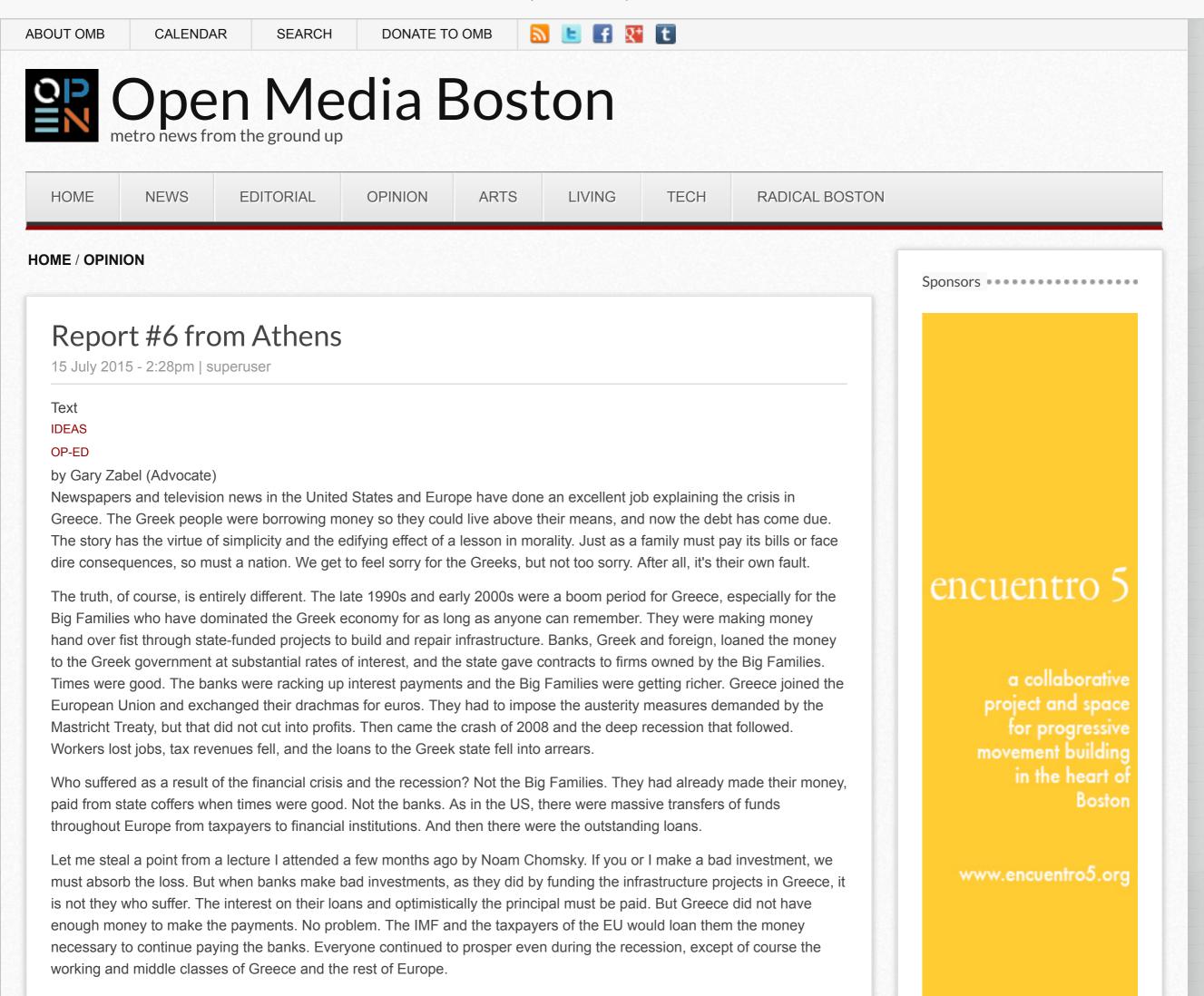
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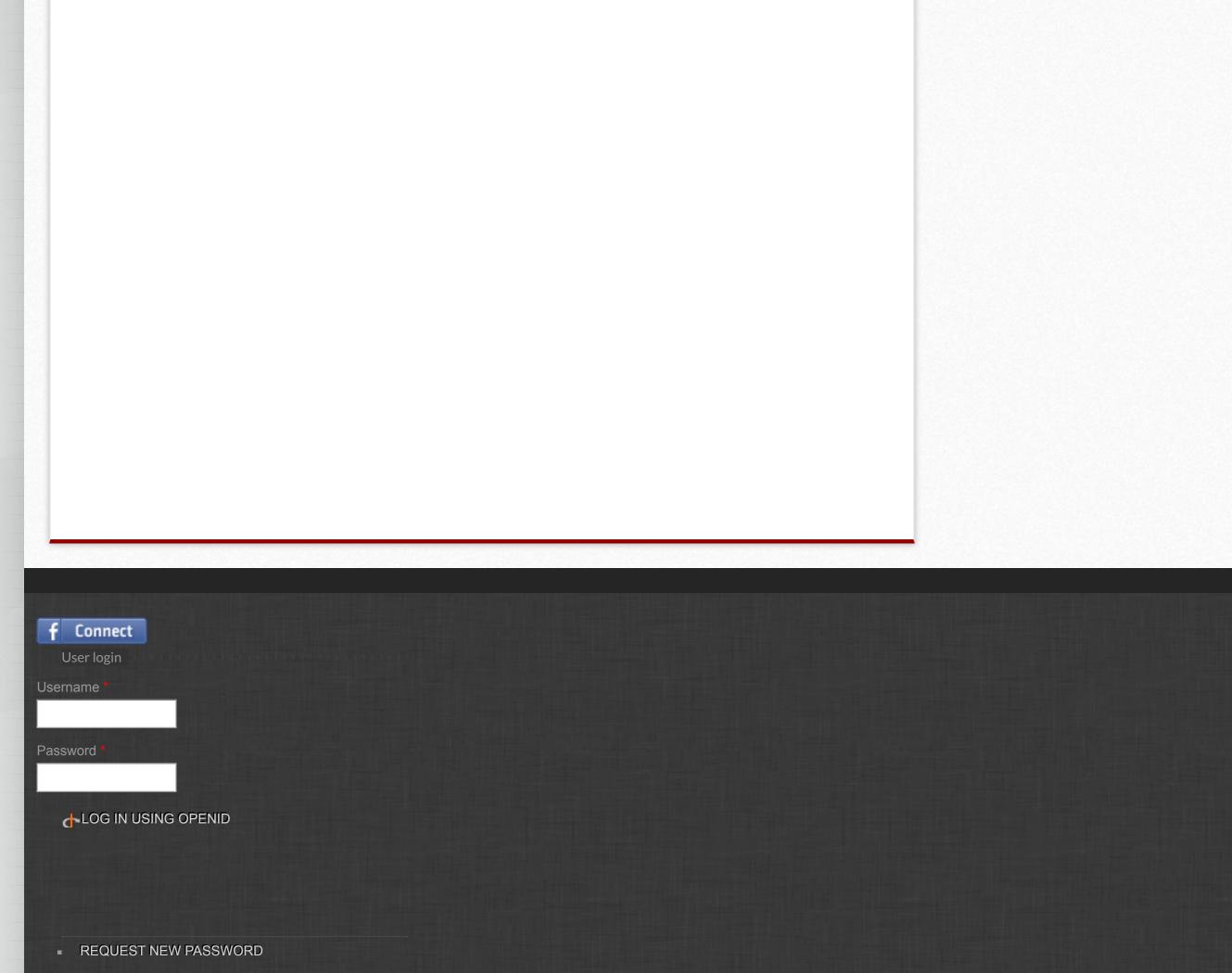
Now the bill has come due - once again. The banks need their money. But the European Central Bank, IMF, and EU governments are demanding collateral on the new loans. Who is going to provide it? Not the families who got richer by

dipping their bread in the gravy of the Greek national budget. The ordinary people of Greece are going to give surety for the loans. They are going to pay higher taxes, retire later, and lose union protections. And 50 billion euros of their public property is going to be sold off.

The Western press feels sorry for them. But the Greeks have to learn to live within their means.

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