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Pay as You Go

**Funny money:** Regarding Luke Turf's "[Payday](#)," in the February 24 issue:

Now I have read it all. You're telling me there is an organization that helps illegal aliens get paid for working illegally in the United States? So when an illegal alien comes to our country and is hired illegally by someone in this country, and then complains that he is not paid illegally, he can go somewhere to complain?

Last time I applied for a job, I had to show my Social Security card, birth certificate and/or driver's license so that I could be hired legally by my employer, who follows the labor laws of the country. For this I don't get all my money, either. I get to have 30 percent of my income taken by the United States and the State of Colorado to pay for the illegal aliens to go to school and for their health care.

I think that El Centro Humanitario Para los Trabajadores, the organization that helps illegal aliens, should notify the INS when they come across someone in this country who does not belong here. Then these people can go work in their country and not have any of the problems they complain about when they're here. Or else El Centro should be closed down right away.

*Mike Thomas*  
*via the Internet*

**A little help here:** Regarding Luke Turf's "[Payday](#)," in the February 24 issue:

Here in Arizona, J.D. Hayworth and company are trying hard to throw the immigrants out of the country. Back in the '50s and '60s, when what's now Phoenix was all mostly farmland, all the farmers welcomed the migrant help -- and ripped them off at the same time. Since Phoenix has gone metro, the moral majority want them out as long as no one discovers that their housekeeper, landscaper or dishwasher is an immigrant.

At least Denver tries to help. Proud to say I'm from there.

*Herb Greasham*  
*Phoenix, Arizona*

**Shame is the name of the game:** If you're going to put names in "[Payday](#)," why don't you also put the name of the companies? Maybe, just maybe, if these companies had their names and phone numbers in *Westword*, some of your readers could help with a simple phone call.

*Robert Romero*  
*Denver*

