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*I sit here and ponder how very much I'd like to talk
with you today, there are so many things
that we didn't get to say.*

*An angel came and took you by the hand, and said
your place was ready in Heaven, far above, and you
had to leave behind, all those you dearly loved.*

*And though your life on earth is past, in Heaven in
starts anew, you'll live for all eternity just as God has
promised you.*

*And though you've walked through Heaven's gate we
are never far apart, for very time I think of you,
you're right here in my heart.*

Love, Aunt CoCo

Tips on Avoiding the Flu

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reaching for a door handle.

So, what are we doing about it? In a recent survey by the Water Quality and Health Council, Americans come clean; we're not doing much.

Despite constant warnings from health officials and a recent "Risk Analysis" study showing a 31 percent chance of infection through hand contact with contaminated surfaces, few Americans frequently clean the public surfaces they use.

In fact, as opposed to wiping down the surfaces they come in contact with, a whopping 42 percent of Americans are opting to avoid public spaces.

But staying home isn't the answer. Taking control of your environment is.

"Knowing that flu viruses can live on inanimate surfaces for hours or even days should motivate people to take personal

responsibility to protect themselves," said Dr. Chris Wiant, chair of the Water Quality and Health Council. "This means disinfecting surfaces, when feasible, using disinfecting wipes or chlorine bleach — especially at home and at work — as well as washing your hands and practicing good personal hygiene habits."

"Contacting school administrators, office managers and even health club managers will help you understand their cleaning and disinfecting protocol and how you can better safeguard against the flu," he added.

To help people prevent the spread of H1N1, The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends keeping surfaces clean by wiping them down with a disinfectant according to the directions on the product label.

In addition to cleaning surfaces, the CDC advises:

- * Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze. Throw the tissue in the trash after use. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your elbow or shoulder, not into your hands.

- * Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water aren't available, use an alcohol-based hand rub.

- * Avoid touching your eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread this way.

- * If you are sick with flu-like illness, stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone except to get medical care or for other necessities. Stay away from others as much as possible to keep from making them sick.

For more information on how to prevent the spread of H1N1 through surface disinfection, visit www.fluandhealth.com.

This Holiday's Most-Wanted Gift? Cash!

It's easy to shop for, makes a great last-minute present and fits in your pocket. Best of all, everybody is happy receiving it.

Cash is the perfect gift, and most consumers dream of getting green for the holidays, according to a new survey by Western Union.

A clear majority (56 percent) would rather receive \$100 in cash than either a gift card from a store or a present of equal value.

Of those respondents who would prefer receiving cash, 45 percent said they would likely apply it toward basic necessities like gasoline and groceries. That is more than double the number who would spend it on treats and three times those who would save or invest this "found money."

In this economy people tend to not spend money on extravagances, even when money comes to them unexpectedly, say experts. This season it's all about staying on top of everyday family living expenses.

And as far as sending gifts, many consumers consider the extra cost to wrap and ship gifts to be too expensive.

Although many people surveyed prefer cash over a specific gift, this holiday season has yielded some surprises.

Think older people cling to the nostalgia of unwrapping gifts while the younger generation prefers to take the money and run? Think again.

According to the new surveys, Americans aged 18 to 24 are the most likely to prefer receiving a specific present over cash or a gift card, while those 65 and older are the least likely.

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Eighth grade: Miranda Alvarado, Melissa Beck, Jasia Cantu, Luther Cole, Jr., Carla Diaz, Jacob Drlik, Alejandra Garcia, Emily Garza, Ana Herrera, Ariel Holm, Kayla Hurd, Jameka Johnson, Jordan Johnson, Zachariah Labay, Gerardo Martinez, Turner Mattoon, Hunter Pakebusch, Lesley Reyes, Tesla Reyes, Troy Richardson, Isaac Ruiz, Victoria Serna, Brandon Teague, Shian Waddell.

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Second grade: Nayely Aguerro, Sabrina Hernandez, Elizabeth Jeffery, Clarisa Juarez, Juan Luciano, Denise Perez, Leyva Rangel, Enrique Rodriguez, Jade Smith, Celebrite Toliver, Jessie Upson.

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Fifth grade: Reagan Dopslauf, Braden Faas, Mikayla Hildebrand, Allen Jeffery, Dontavious Johnson, Kevin Krpec, Heather Leal, Lesly Olvera, Mario Rodriguez.

Sixth Grade: John Brown, Ty'Rell Carter, Ashley Cook, Ernest Fields III, Emma Kelley, Cameron Marsalia, Keiona Robinson, Yamil Rodriguez, Carlee Vandermark.

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Kindergarten: Corbyn Cleveland, Juan Herrera, Jr., Jade Odefey, Gabriella Perez.

First grade: Perla Avila, Juan Hernandez, Jr., Clayton Nunnally, Aaron Querner.

Second grade: Cody Bujnoch, Arlan Querner, Devyn Shorter, Jazmyn Shorter, Morgan Willbern.

Third grade: John Mendoza, Justin Mendoza, Brynn Munoz, Preston Orsak.

Fourth grade: Rudy Anzaldua, Jr., William Dugger, Kaylob Goins, Emily Kelly, John Robinson, Ashley Rollins, Kaitlyn Willbern.

Fifth grade: Levi Botard, Guadalupe Hernandez, Ashlin Linnemer, Brandon Rodriguez.

Sixth grade: Debra Arredondo, Veronica Chavez, Mikenna Gabler, Skilla Goins, Dakota Kazmir, Jeffrey Mendoza, Jr., Aaron Miranda-LaBarge, Alyssa Taylor, Miranda Waddell, Lenora Williamson.

Sales Tax Payments Up 13 Percent In Dec.

Sales tax payments to the city of Eagle Lake in December were \$14,886, an increase of 13.17 percent from last December, figures from the state show.

For the year payments total \$188,458, a decrease of 3.94 percent.

For December in Colorado County, payments totaled \$65,717, a decrease of 12.64 percent.

For the year in Colorado County, payments totaled \$1,172,188, an increase of 25.66 percent.

For December in Fayette County, payments totaled \$97,100, a decrease of 3.71 percent.

For the year in Fayette County, payments totaled \$1,171,019, a decrease of 1.55 percent.

November state sales tax collections and December sales tax allocations to local governments represent sales that occurred in October.

Checks sent to area cities, with changes from last year, are as follows:

- Columbus-\$75,917, down 4.68 percent; for the year, \$1,102,428, up 4.57 percent.

- Weimar-\$23,683, down 8.04 percent; for the year, \$320,015, down 1.17 percent.

- Schulenburg-\$49,970, down 6.39 percent; for the year, \$596,173, up .53 percent.

- La Grange-\$124,863, up 7.46 percent; for the year, \$1,410,368, down 5.21 percent.

- Flatonia-\$14,431, up 2.54 percent; for the year, \$188,481, up 2.20 percent.

- Hallettsville-\$77,840, down 41 percent; for the year, \$898,883, up .45 percent.

Texas Comptroller Susan Combs said the state collected \$1.70 billion in sales tax in November, down 14.4 percent compared

to November 2008.

"Sales tax collections, declining since February 2009, continued to be weak in November," Combs said. "Compared to a year ago, sales tax collections were down across all major sectors of the Texas economy, including oil and natural gas production, construction, manufacturing and retail trade."

The Comptroller sent cities, counties, special purpose districts and transit systems \$417.1 million in December sales tax allocations, down 14.6 percent compared to last December. The final sales tax allocation of 2009 brings local sales tax revenue for the year to \$5.6 billion, 5.1 percent less than in 2008.

Combs sent Texas cities December sales tax allocations of \$279.6 million, down 14.9 percent compared to December 2008. Counties' December sales tax allocations totaled \$24.6 million, down 20.2 percent compared to December 2008.

Ten local transit systems received December sales tax allocations of \$96.5 million, a 12.1 percent decline compared to December 2008. December sales tax allocations of \$16.3 million went to 163 special purpose taxing districts, a decrease of 15.4 percent compared to last December.

For details of December sales tax payments to individual cities, counties, transit systems and special purpose districts, locate the Monthly Sales and Use Tax Allocation Comparison Summary Reports on the Comptroller's Web site at www.window.state.tx.us/tax-info/allocsum/comsum.html.

The next local sales tax allocation will be made on Friday, Jan. 8.

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HERITAGE 20X20	BEIGE	893.08	893.08	\$2.25/SF	.95¢/SF
HERITAGE 20X20	NOCE	290.52	290.52	\$2.25/SF	.95¢/SF
PATIO 13X13	GREY	3934.08	3934.07	\$2.00/SF	.80¢/SF
PETRIED 12X12 MOSAIC	WOOD	550.8	550.8	\$16.00/SF	\$5.50/SF
TERRA 18X18	COPPER	320.46	320.46	\$2.25/SF	.99¢/SF
TERRA 18X18	BRONZE	564.62	564.62	\$2.25/SF	.99¢/SF
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