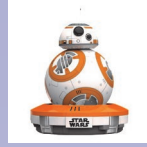


# The Top Ten Christmas Gifts of 2015

By The DBI Staff Writer

If you're struggling trying to figure out what to get that special someone or family member for Christmas this year, have no fear—help has arrived. Following is the list of the top ten Christmas gifts of 2015. For more detail on these gifts you can visit <http://best-christmas-gifts.toptenreviews.com/>

1. **BB-8 Droid** \$150
2. **Dream Walker Scooter** \$399.99
3. **Polaroid Cube** \$85.59
4. **Polaroid Zip** \$125
5. **Air Hogs Millennium Falcon** \$102.95
6. **Amazon Echo** \$179.99
7. **Apple Smart Watch** \$349
8. **August Smart Lock** \$180.48
9. **Omano OM117L** \$94.95
10. **Syma S-107G** \$12.99



**BB-8 Droid**



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**Millennium Falcon**



**Amazon Echo**



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## US on Highway Diesel Fuel Prices for California:

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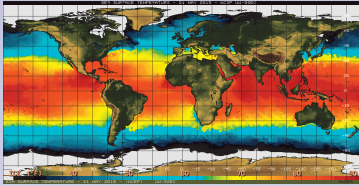
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## The Biggest El Nino Ever

By The DBI Staff Writer

I realize that most—if not all of you have already heard a ton about the impending El Nino that is about to hit us. Some may even be thinking that this thing will never show up. I can understand that since we're having 80 degree temperatures this late into the fall season. But rest assured, El Nino will show up and when it does it will appear with its biggest presence ever in recorded history. This system is a literal monster-size system. Recently, a key measurement was taken by the NOAA—the surface temperature in the central pacific ocean. This measurement is one of the key indicators of an El Nino's strength. This November measurement that was taken was the highest ever seen in the region. That temperature recording surpassed the 1997-1998 El Nino recording, making this years El Nino the biggest El Nino ever in recorded history. El Nino systems typically peak in January, February and March; so we haven't seen anything yet. Regions like Southern California should expect to see torrential downpours—the LA Times even labeled the forthcoming rains as coming in "conveyer belt" style—one after another. In fact, the looming threat is so serious that Bob Fenton, administrator for the Federal Emergency management Administration in an interview with the LA Times said, "This is not a government solution, but a public-private, all-hands-on-deck solution. It's important for Californians to take this seriously and understand during these conditions that having a plan and supplies is important." So, be ready my fellow residents—we've got a whopper of a wet-weather system coming in this winter! For more on El Nino preparation, please visit [www.fema.gov/el-nino](http://www.fema.gov/el-nino), [floodsmart.gov](http://floodsmart.gov) & [ready.gov](http://ready.gov).



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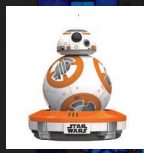
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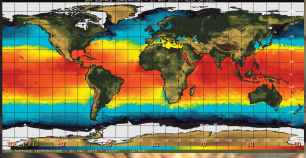




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*A Thank You from Durk Jorritsma*

**By Durk Jorritsma**, President & CEO of Direct & Beyond, Inc.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all of our valued clients!

I would like to say, "Thank you" for your continued business and loyalty over this past year. We look forward to the New Year with aspirations of providing extended global services to accommodate our growing clients needs.

DBI truly wants to be your partner in business, to help achieve the goals of your organization through teamwork, strategic planning and coordination. We can make 2016 the best year yet! May all of your goals and dreams come true and may your lives be rich in health and happiness.

God Bless and Warm Holiday Wishes!

Sincerely, *Durk*



## And Now For The Feel Good News..

**By The DBI Staff Writer**

There's no shortage of bad news in the world. It doesn't matter if you turn your TV on, power up your smart phone or switch on your car radio—there's a never ending stream of bad news. That doesn't mean that there isn't good news in our world. In fact, there are examples of good news everyday. Unfortunately, the major media players aren't throwing these news items in our face. But that's okay, DBI is here to present you with some of the best news items of 2015 with the hope that it renews your faith and puts a smile on your face. Enjoy!



When Lisa Aldrich went to a Meijer grocery store in Gaines Township, Michigan to have a birthday cake decorated she never guessed that she would touch hundreds of lives by one simple act. This is the story in Lisa's own words, "Picked out a cake at Meijer. Asked bakery-looking-employee if she could write on it for me. She said she would, and after a long time, she came and presented me with this cake. I looked her In the eye and said thank you before I even looked at the cake. After looking, I nervously laughed and headed to check out- it didn't really matter to me that it looked so bad- I thought people would think it was funny. The cashiers at the self check out didn't think it was so funny though, and called a few more cashiers and a manager over to look, even taking pictures. To my surprise, after they discussed it, one cashier put her arm on my shoulder and said 'the girl who wrote that has Autism. Thank you for smiling and thanking her- even though she's not supposed to write on cakes, you probably made her day.' So I guess the moral of

the story is that kindness is important!" Lisa went on to say, "I am totally overwhelmed by God's goodness, and how he has used this cake story! I am sitting here weeping and reading through 100+ messages from people all over the country who have a loved one with Autism, thanking me. I just feel the need to say again - I didn't do anything special. Be nice. That is all."

### Pizza Delivery Guy Get's A Huge Tip

22 year-old pizza delivery driver Jeff Louis got a huge surprise when he delivered 7 pizzas to Life Point Church in Mentor, Ohio. When Jeff arrived to the church one of the staff members had asked Jeff to take one of the pizzas and deliver to the pastor up on the stage. Thinking that this request was a bit strange, Jeff went ahead with the request anyhow and hand-delivered the one pizza up to the pastor on the stage. When he did so, he got a huge and welcome surprise. What Jeff didn't realize is that the Pastor had decided to give the Pizza delivery driver a \$100 dollar tip. Even more surprising to the Pastor was the congregation also decided to get into the act. When Jeff got up to the stage the Pastor handed him the \$100 note. After that the people in the congregation lined up and each person gave Jeff some money. When it was all done Jeff had received over \$700 dollars in tip money. What so special about this story is not so much the money itself. It's that Jeff is on the road to addiction recovery and this money came just at the right time as he is getting his life straightened out and was in deep need of the money to help him back up on his feet. Jeff was so touched that complete strangers would reach out to him like this that he was brought to tears and posted a very touching video on YouTube. Its refreshing to be reminded that just a little act of kindness can give our fellow human beings such a bright ray of hope.

