Gizmos and Gadgets

If you were born before, say the 1970's or 1980's - and I'm guessing there might be a couple of us here today - well, I have bad news.

You were probably born without the I-Phone, I-Pad, I-Pod computer-genius gene.

So in an effort to keep up with our 3 & 4 year old grandchildren....if they've reached 8 or 10, forget it....they are way too far ahead.....we created Gizmos and Gadgets.

I'll give you a quick lesson.

There is something called Flickr, which is not a movie, but can have 140 characters in it.

Then there's Tumbler, but I'm pretty sure it doesn't involve rolling around on the floor, thank goodness, because I could never get up again!

And there's as Twitter which has a bird for it's logo, so you can chirp to your friends.

Reddit will get you global news,

The Blu will show you the depths of the ocean and

SecondLife.com allows you to have a second life with an Avatar, as if you aren't busy enough in this life.

There is actually a website where you can send a message to those who have passed on. A little spooky.

We've learned about MOOC's which are massively open on-line classes...a big one being coursera.org. You can take on-line classes from major institutions, tests and all, but not for credit.

We've become acquainted with BlackboardLearn through our UTEP site and now, in our last two weeks, we've collected photos and short videos and will be making our own movies with all the cool stuff...sound effects, graphics, transitions, etc.

We will meet in the Undergraduate Learning Center Thursday to channel the Spielberg in us.

Oh, there's one more site I wanted to tell you about. It's called "I Squint". Heck! I thought that was just what I did when trying to see something without my glasses and now they've made a website!