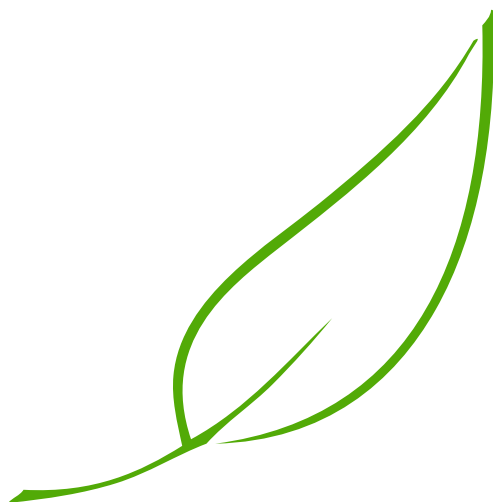


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Good morning! And welcome to the museum tour! You are the first group of visitors to my museum so you're sort of my test audience. I know that there's never been an exhibit like this one, but I need some spending money and so I thought, "Hey! Why not charge people to take a peek at one of the oddest exhibits ever displayed before mankind!" So ... welcome to my Family! Now if you'll just step this way ...

Okay, here's our living room and this is my family's oldest piece of furniture ... my Father. From the time he gets home from work until he goes to bed, this is his position. Sorry about the odor. Dad takes his shoes off at the door and the exterminator doesn't come until Monday. Feel free to touch the exhibit. When he's watching the ballgame nothing fazes him. The world could end but as long as the satellite TV is working, Dad will remain in this position. No ... go ahead and try to talk to him. He won't answer. He can't answer. His brain is permanently wired into ESPN, and his right hand is glued to the remote.

Two years ago we had a grease fire in the kitchen and the firefighter had to carry him out on his couch. Most fossils are surrounded by bedrock or shale deposits. Dad is covered in Fritos. Many of these Fritos can be traced back to the early Triassic period of history when dinosaurs roamed the earth and there were only three TV channels available. What? Yes, he's breathing ... He's just not responding. When you ask him a



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