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Subject: Re: Happy birthday, Abe Vigoda  
Posted by [George Johnson](#) on Thu, 01 Mar 2012 23:39:23 GMT  
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"Joseph Nebus" <nebusj-@-rpi-.edu> wrote in message  
news:jj989I\$5ni\$1@reader1.panix.com...

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>     Congratulations on not being dead, assuming you aren't.  
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> <http://nebusresearch.wordpress.com/>                     Joseph  
> Nebus  
> Current Entry: So If You Can't Win The Clock Game You Should Feel Bad  
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Sometimes assumptions can lead to interesting conclusions.  
Many times the actuarial tables simply do not lie.

Tokyo's 'oldest man' dead for 30 years  
A man listed as the oldest living male in Tokyo died some 30 years ago, city  
officials said after his body was found mummified in his bed.  
9:29PM BST 29 Jul 2010  
[http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/7917131](http://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/worldnews/asia/japan/7917131/Tokyos-oldest-man-dead-for-30-years.html)  
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Police visited the home of Sogen Kato at the request of ward officials  
updating their list of centenarians ahead of Respect for the Elderly Day in  
September. Kato was born July 22, 1899, which would have made him 111.

Japanese welfare officials have tried to meet Kato since earlier this year,  
but his family members repeatedly chased them away, saying Kato was well but  
didn't want to see anyone, said Tomoko Iwamatsu, an official at Tokyo's  
downtown Adachi Ward, where Kato lived.

Officials grew suspicious and sought an investigation by police, who forced  
their way into the house Wednesday. Police said the mummified body believed  
to be Kato was lying in his bed, wearing underwear and pyjamas, covered with  
a blanket.

His granddaughter told investigators Kato holed up in his room about 30  
years ago after declaring he wanted to be a living Buddha, police and Tokyo  
officials said. They believe Kato died soon after that.

Tokyo police were investigating possible crimes on suspicion Kato's family  
received pension money of the man and his dead wife.

"His family must have known he has been dead all these years and acted as if  
nothing happened," said Tokyo metropolitan welfare official Yutaka Muroi.

"It's so eerie."

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