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Subject: Re: Dynamic format.  
Posted by [btt](#) on Tue, 26 Sep 2006 21:16:12 GMT  
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Posted by [Hanford](#) on Tue, 26 Sep 2006 23:12:30 GMT

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Hanford.

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