Technote # 100022	Interpreting Serial Numbers	Date February 27, 1999

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  c)   The third field is the day: 29.
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