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Juvenile Belding’s ground squirrels (Spermophilus beldingi) at Tioga Pass,  
California. These littermates (about 1 month old) have been above ground 1  
day. Adult females in this social rodent species mate polygamously.  
Electrophoretic paternity exclusion analyses indicate that most litters are sired  
by more than one male. Therefore, these squirrels may be either full siblings  
or maternal half-sibs. See page 351.  
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