

What is making the grass look like there are tunnels underneath? And what can be done about? Your tunnel maker is a mammal called a Mole. In Lower Michigan there are two kinds of moles that are causing grief with people's lawns. The Star-Nosed Mole is a burrowing mammal that is equally at home in water and on land. Frequently its winding tunnels end in a pond or stream. An excellent swimmer, the Starnosed Mole uses its broad front feet as paddles and its thick tail as a scull. It dives after much of its food-aquatic insects, crustacean, snails and even small fish. Excess food is converted into fat and stored in its tail, to be used as an energy source during times of scarcity. The Locate pray; the round holes in the center are the nostrils.

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The second type of mole is the Eastern Mole, which spends most of its life beneath the surface, its permanent passageway, which lies 10 inches or more through shallow tunnels, searching for earthworms, insect larva, and other proy. Its permanent passageway, which lies 10 inches or most extend during drought or cold spells.

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Moles are not hibernators, and remain active throughout the winter. Notorious for their inability to tolerate others of their kind (chance encounters sometimes lead to death), they are solitary except during the breeding season. Eastern Moles mate in spring. Four weeks later the female, which is slightly smaller than the male, gives birth in an underground nest lined with dried plant material. Raised ridges in the soil (pushed up as the mole tunnels along) and molehills (mounds of excavated earth) are more likely to be seen than the mole itself. Though moles may wreak have on your lawn, they do accomplish some good by enting insects and aerating the soil.

To get rid of them, moles can be either live trapped or pol-soned, according to Critter Con-trol.

# Moles like to dig; gerbils are good pets

My name is Brad, I am 9 years old. I own a 6-month-old Gerbil that I bought at a

old Gerbii that I bought at a pet store with my own carned money. I am interested in knowing if my gerbil's ancestors could have been wild. If so, could you give me information shout them?

Not long ago, most Americans had never heard of the small, frisky gerbii. In the 1850s, a scientist in New York got several Mongollan garbiis for his work. Today most of the pet gerbils in the United States trace their ancestor's back to his nine animals!

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Mongolian gerbils are close relatives of about a hundred other kinds of wild gerbils. Most of those rat-size animals are not kept as pets. They usually live in dry parts of Asia and Africa. They're gray or sand-colored fur blends well into their environment. Gerbils often hop across the sand at night, using their long, thin tails for balance. Or they scurry about, looking for seeds, leaves, roots, and flowers, and insects.

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During the day, mest gerbils escape the heat by staying in their underground homes. Some live in small, simple burrows. Others dig complex tunnel systems. Often several gerbils form a colony by building their burrows close together.

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The bird you are describing sounds like a Barn Swallow. The Barn Swallow feeds almost entirely sen insects, which it picks out of the air in its swife, graceful flight; often it will dart close to the surface of a pond. They are very beautiful birds to watch them caught their food in flight.

Bev Cornell, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator, will answer your pet questions in care of: Ask Bristol, 33411 Grand River, Farmington, MI 48335 or e-mail her at bristol\_dog@msn.com

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# Borders' programs for all ages – tots to adults

Borders Books & Music in Farmington Hills has a wide variety of activities planned during the month of May. Here are some of the happenings.

Thursday May 20 at 7:30 p.m. Come to Harmony Garden, a peaceful place where issues such as violence, conflict, ising a peaceful place where issues such as violence, conflict, ising a peaceful place where issues such as violence, conflict, ising peaceful place where issues such as violence, conflict, ising peaceful place where the peaceful place where t

from 8 to 13 will discover that is in not uncool to be good. David and Lisa Lapides Sawicki celebrate the release of their new CD with a live performance.

Baturday, May 22 at 11 a.m. You've read about him; you've seen illustrations of him. Now come see Corduroy in person. Listen to stories about this popular bear, shake his paw and bring your camera so you will have a lasting memory.

Saturday, May 22 at 1 p.m. Dress up as your favorite character from "Harry Potter and the Sorcere's Stone." Join us for a readathon as we take turns

reading our favorite, passages from the book. Reserve your copy of 'Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secreta' due out on June 2 and be automatically of une our raffle. If you win, you're copy will be fire.

Tuesday May 23 at 7:30 p.m. Moderator Robert del Valle runs the dewish Authors Book Group. This month 'A Cover Life: Jay Lovestone: Communist, Anti-Communist and Spymaster' by Ted Morgan. Since Lovestone was one of the most effective spies of the Cold War, the discussion should be lively.

Thursday, May 27 at 7:30 p.m. Y2K - It's Not Too Late. Jan. 1, 2000 will it be like any other New Years Day? Or will it be one headache after another with disruptions in power, water, communications. Local authors Soott Marks, Patrice Kaufman and Karl Kaufman will sign their 'one stop shopping guide' on Y2K preparedness.

For more information on theeverents, call Borders at 737-0110.

## WW teams with ACS in 'Tell a Friend' awareness campaign

cer information with the friends and relatives during the month of May.
Weight Watchers leaders at locations throughout all three states will encourage members to call at least five friends, which could multiply quickly. Toll A Friend is an expansion of last October's antional Tell A Friend Tuesday which successfully reached more than 21,000 women in a single day.
"Breast cancer is a disease that affects nearly every American," said Florine Mark, WW CEO. Tit's easy to tell friends

Weight Watchers has joined with the American Cancer Society in an exclusive tri-state breast cancer screening initiative. The effort called Tell A Friend, is a preactive attempt to reach women in Michigan as Weight Watchers is all about. Friend, is a preactive attempt to reach women in Michigan as well as Ohlo and Indiana who and the state of the state o

mograms to their health screening regimen,
in 1997, a reported 65 percent of women 40 and older received mammograms, throughout Michigan.
The American Cancer Society provides the information and caller kits to all participating companies. For more information, call Tell A Friend at 1-800-ACS-2346.

## Small changes can help

Small changes can make a big difference in the lives of older people and the disabled. Join the Farmington Hills Senior division for a presentation by Oakland Community Assistive Technolo-gy Council featuring many low cost, low tech devices to assist people to live more independent-

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ly. The event is 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 16 at Costick Center. Cost is \$2.

Talking clocks, listening devices, jar openers, self threading needles and modified enting utensils are some things included. Call 473-1830 for more infor-

### **WEDDINGS & ENGAGEMENTS**



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Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hollatz
formerly of Farmington Hills
announce the engagement of
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The bride-to-be in a graduate
of Southwest Missouri State
University and Drury College in
Springfield, Mo.

The groom is a graduate of
Horrison High School and Michigan State University.

A May wedding is planned in
Dallas, Texas. The couple will
reside in Lako Orion following a
Hawaiian honeymoon.

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**DUDLEY-MCCARTHY** 

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Mr. and Mrs. George Dudley of
Northville announce the engagement of their daughter Julie
Lynn to Dennis Michael
McCarthy, son of Gerald
McCarthy Brighton Township
and formerly of Farmington
hills, and the late Mary
McCarthy
The bride-to-be is a graduate
of Boston College. She is
employed at Company Computer
Corporation.

employed at Compaq Computer Corporation: a graduate of North Farmington High School, the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School in Fort Mon-mouth, N.J., and Western Michi-gan University. He is a manufac-turers' representative with Peter Blom Industrial Sales.



Hartland, Wisconsin announce

Hartland, Wisconsin announce the engagement of their daughter Kara, of Charlotte, N.C., to Matthew Gesler, also of Charlotte, N.C. Matthew is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gessler of Garmington Hills.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Carroll College in Waukesha, Wis. She earned a master's degree in physical therapist for Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Schools.

The groom is a 1994 graduate

Schools.

The groom is a 1994 graduate of Madonna University and is a sales manager for Roush Racing in Mooresville, N.C.

A July wedding is planned in Hartland, Wis. They will make their home in Charlotte, N.C.

Champagne, Ill. announce the engagement of their daughter to Scott Daniel Gilson, son of Harlenc Gilson of Farmington Hills. The bride-to-be is a graduate of St. Mary's Academy and a self-employed horse-back riding instructor. She is also an anthropology student at Palomar College in San Diego.

The groom is a graduate of North Farmington High School and Michigan Technological University with a BS in electrical engineering. He is employed at General Instrument in San Diego.

A June wedding is planned at

Diego.

A June wedding is planned at
Mount Woodson Castle in San Diego, Calif.



A September wedding is planned at Sts. Peter and Paul Jesuit Church in Detroit.

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