Syphilis Easy to Treat, Remains Health Threat


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dise do treases to diagnose as great a menace Since 1957 the national rate
in syphilis have in syphilis have generally ten ed upward at all social and
economic levels, especially econowe especially
among teen-agers and young the mobility of the spop-
ulation. It is not uncommon
for adults. This is a lamentable
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tween available knowledge and infilt its effective application.

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ual may start a syphilis epi-
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these unreported cases is readithese unreported cases is readi- variably, one of the first signs
of the infection is a painless
opparent. This rise also represents an of sore (chancre) that occurs at expensive failure with a future core the point where the syphilis
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organisms or spirochetes enter reckoning. It is presently cost-
ing about 50 million dollars an-
the bodys or spirochetes enter
tusually on or around nually just to care for the the sex organs. syphlitic insane in tax-support-
ed mental institutions, while ed mental institutions, while
another six million goes for the care of the syphilitic blind. CALFO - $\begin{aligned} & \text { weens.s. Beforery or after the ap. } \\ & \text { pearance of the aty }\end{aligned}$ CALIFORNIA has a good
record in syphilis control $\begin{aligned} & \text { pearance of the chancre, a rash } \\ & \text { mody } \\ & \text { body }\end{aligned}$ when compared to other heavi- sore throat, and headache may ly populated states, but this sore throat, and headache may
lisn't saying very much. For ex. When these signs
disappear. an ind isn't saying very much. For ex-
ample, 1960 disease statistics distakear, an individual may ample, 1960 disease statistics
for the state show that the "cured," but, though spontan

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| :--- | year age group was 266. The The spirochetes of spyhilis

rate in New York State was may remain seemingly dor
299, in Hlinois 452, and in most southern states it was three
or more, but in reality they have
or four times that of califor or four times that of Califor-
nia. Urban centers are generally
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sult in blindness, insanity, ir problem. In the past fiscal reparable damage to the car year, 1 large cities with only
11.4 per cent of the nation's
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ed 44.8 per cent of the cases ed 44.8 per cent of the cases
of infectious syphilis. Since the of infectious syphilis. Since the LAST YEAR, the U.S. su-
current trend in the United curren trend in the United
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## Ballots Cluttered by <br> Long Lists of Judges

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of the most exasperating tetste. However snce
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und mary election, for the voters unopposed incumbents and
and especially for the candi- those with opposition dates, was the length of time the waith opposition were on
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come up with an official count in Los Angeles County.
long delay was theas for the long delay was the length
the ballot. Not only were ther the ballot. Not only were ther
a great number of candidate but there were also sever important propositions whic helped to fatten the ballot.
The number of candidates
involved was unusual due to the recent state reapportion ment on the bas of the Fe eral census. This problem
won't be experienced again at least in this proportion fo
some time. However, the perpetual fy
in the ointment mitigatin against a rapid vote tally,
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Court judges who are stand ing for re-election.
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listing of these Superior art judges slow down the more significant reason ns my opinion, these posi-

THAT IS, THEY tend to cre a reeling on the part of the is not importantividual es because they know not or the incumbent judge or candidates seeking Super or Court office. This creates
eneral frame of reference fo possibly not voting for othe offices which may be more
critical in terms of financial critical in terms of financia
or political impact. Thus many or poitical impact. Thus many
times voters get in the habit
of "skiping" of "skipping" over voting
blocks and fail to use their blocks and fail to use their
franchise as effectively as pos. sible.
This
This is to say nothing of trying to manage the physical
task of voting on one of these huge ballots in a small booth. We will have a chance to rectify this situation in No-
vember, by approving a con stitutional amendment providing that the names of the Superior Court judges may not
appear on the ballot unless they have opposition. This is a step in the right
direction and it is long over-
duc.

## Neesby Attends

 Chemist Meeting To Examine PainTorben E . Neesby, University of Calfornia School of
Medicine student from Torrance, took part in the Eighth National Medicinal Chemistry Symposium of the American
Chemical Society at the University of Colorado Three hundred and fifty chemists attended the three-
day meeting took a close day meeting took a closo
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well as the influence of drugs on certain hormones which af. fect the heart and nervous
system were described.

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