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MEDIA OUTLET: Sun Sentinel

HEADLINE: Early voting starts today in South Florida

BYLINE: Tonya Alanez

LINK: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/news/politics/fl-broward-early-voting-first-day-20161024-story.html>

STORY: Early in-person voting begins Monday in Broward, Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties.

Elections officials project that turnout for this year's heated presidential race could push voter participation beyond the nearly 70 percent of eligible voters who cast ballots in Broward and Palm Beach counties during the 2012 presidential election.

Vote-by-mail ballots are already arriving at voters' homes. Voters can request one until Nov. 2.

"It's certainly going to give more voters an opportunity to be part of the process," Broward County Supervisor of Elections Brenda Snipes said about early voting options. "I think we could have a record-breaking turnout."

Changes in state law increased the number of days and hours allowed for early voting after long delays in 2012.

The state also changed limits on the types of locations that can be used for early voting is allowing for larger venues. Being able to use fairgrounds and community centers allows room for more voting stations and ballot printers, which should accommodate voters faster, Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher said.

"That helps us move the lines [and] provide for a little smoother experience," Bucher said.

Through Nov. 6, early voting lasts from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at 15 sites in Palm Beach County, 21 locations in Broward and 30 places in Miami-Dade. Registered voters can vote at any site in their county, unlike Election Day when you have to vote at your precinct.

Early voting, as well as on Election Day, requires showing a photo ID that includes a signature.

Valid forms of identification can include a driver's license, ID card issued by the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, U.S. passport, military ID card, student ID card, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID, debit or credit card, public assistance ID, veteran health ID, government employee ID or a concealed weapons permit.

MEDIA OUTLET: Sun Sentinel

HEADLINE: Broward County Sheriff's office trying to get grant so deputies can carry heroin antidote

BYLINE: Samuel Howard

LINK: <http://www.sun-sentinel.com/local/palm-beach/fl-broward-sheriff-narcan-20161021-story.html>

STORY: In nearly three decades of working to try to curb substance abuse in South Florida, Don Maines said he has never seen anything quite like the current opiate epidemic.

It's why he thinks deputies with the Broward County Sheriff's Office should carry and administer the drug naloxone, often known by its brand name Narcan, which is an antidote used to revive drug users from opiate overdoses.

"This Narcan is the only thing that's saving lives right now," Maines said.

The sheriff's special adviser for substance abuse research hopes his law enforcement agency will become the latest in the area to carry the drug. He's trying to land a grant that would help pay for it.

In March, Delray Beach Police became only the second law enforcement agency in Florida to carry naloxone. Police Chief Jeff Goldman said Wednesday his officers have used Narcan 71 times since March 1. The Sarasota County Sheriff's Office was the state's first law enforcement department to carry the drug, which has long been stocked at EMT stations.

Law enforcement officials, including Maines, said it can be critical for police to carry the drug, because they may come across overdoses before EMTs arrive.

And carrying naloxone wouldn't only be for the safety of drug abusers, Maines said. It would protect the first responders who come in contact with drug abusers who are now using a more deadly heroin mixture than they are sometimes even aware of. Many traffickers and dealers are cutting the heroin they sell with fentanyl and its molecular cousin carfentanil. Both are cheaper but much more potent drugs. Carfentanil, used as an elephant tranquilizer, is so potent in fact that a deputy could overdose just from coming in contact with a very small amount of the drug and absorbing it through their skin.

"That's what we're concerned about right now," Maines said. "We never thought we were going to hit anything like this."

But getting grants to pay for Narcan is problematic, Maines said, because there is such a demand. Some grants have all but dried up, he said.

It's a trend that Goldman of Delray Beach has also noticed. Goldman said pharmaceutical companies have hiked their prices this year, putting greater demand on the grants they've doled out to supply cops with their drug.

"There's no doubt that the companies are starting to take advantage of it," Goldman said. Delray Beach Fire Rescue spent about \$19,700 in the last fiscal year on 510 individual Narcan packages, said Kevin Saxton, department spokesman.

Officials in Boynton Beach devoted part of Tuesday's city commission meeting to discussing city EMTs use of Narcan this year. Like many departments across the country, they need more Narcan, in part because of the increasingly deadly heroin addicts are using, said Boynton Beach Fire Chief Glenn Joseph.

"We have to restock our Narcan because the new opiates take more to revive the patient," he said.

In Delray Beach, Goldman said, Narcan has been a worthwhile investment. But not all think that way, he said.

There are some critics, he said, who argue that naloxone gives drug users a safety net to take riskier doses of opiates. Goldman doesn't buy that.

Neither does Marvin Ventrell, executive director of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers.

"Someone who is addicted to an opiate, heroin, is not of the mindset 'I can do whatever I want; they can save my life,'" Ventrell said. "That's not really a thought process that occurs."

Through the first nine months of 2016, according to the department's data, Delray Beach Police officers responded to 406 heroin overdoses. The previous year, according to those figures, Delray Beach police responded to 195 drug overdoses of any kind.

"In our profession you have to have empathy," Goldman said. "You have to have compassion with those struggling. If there's anything we can do to give them another chance or get them back on their feet, we're going to do it."

Goldman and Maines both said Narcan is only a piece of the puzzle in stopping rampant drug abuse. Maines said deputies work to steer drug users toward places they can go to get treatment or detox. Goldman said he hopes to hire a clinical social worker to triage users.

"Every time they overdose we're giving them some kind of drug education," Maines said, "and that's why we don't want Narcan just used out on the street."

MEDIA OUTLET: Broward Beat

HEADLINE: Once The Darling Of GOP, Judge Nina Di Pietro Left Off The Party's Palm Card

BYLINE: Buddy Nevins

LINK: <http://www.browardbeat.com/once-the-darling-of-gop-judge-nina-di-pietro-left-off-the-partys-palm-card/>

STORY: How the mighty have fallen.

County Judge Nina Di Pietro was once GOP royalty.

With her husband, GOP fund raiser lawyer David Di Pietro, at her side, Nina Di Pietro was feted by high rolling Republicans who poured money into her election campaign.

But that was before David Di Pietro sued Gov. Rick Scott.

The suit was David Di Pietro's attempt to regain his seat on the governing board of Broward Health. The governor removed him, accusing Di Pietro of interfering with a state investigation of wrongdoing at the public healthcare system.

Di Pietro won his seat back in the suit, but before the matter could be appealed, he quit. I believe the suit shadows his reputation in the Republican Party.

Now the proof: Judge Di Pietro has been left off the Broward Republican Party's palm card.

Ouch.

It appears David Di Pietro is an ingrate. My guess is that local Republican activists don't appreciate Di Pietro feuding with the Republican governor.

After all, it was Scott that named Ms. Di Pietro to the bench two years ago after David Di Pietro supported the governor and other Republican candidates with fund raising.

The local GOP palm card now has "no opinion" on Ms. Di Pietro's County Court Group 7 race against former Judge Ian Richards.

MEDIA OUTLET: Miami Herald

HEADLINE: Early voting kicks off with short lines, eager voters, few glitches

BYLINE: Daniel Chang and Monique Madan

LINK: <http://www.miamiherald.com/news/politics-government/election/article110106707.html>

STORY: Early voting kicked off in South Florida on Monday with short lines, eager voters and some first day glitches that turned what would have been a quick trip to the ballot box into a patience-testing back up.

At an early voting site in Miami-Dade's Kendall Branch Library on 9101 SW 97th Avenue, three of four printers in place to print out ballots weren't working — causing a line of about four people to swell to 40.

Elsewhere, however, elections were running smoothly, according to voters.

Silvia Gomez, 51, cast her ballot at the Hallandale Beach Cultural Community Center, in about five minutes.

"It went fast and easy," said Gomez, a Hollywood resident who has traditionally votes early in Hallandale Beach, one of 21 early voting sites in Broward. "Everything was just the way it should have been. There was no line. I always do early voting because I don't like the hassles."

Sidney Smith, 58, also cast a ballot Monday at the Hallandale Beach site, next door to city hall, where some council members Michelle Lazarow and Keith London held a news conference to denounce political dirty tricks, accusing their opponents of placing global positioning trackers on their cars.

But Smith was not there for local issues. An immigrant from Belize, Smith said he was motivated to vote for Hillary Clinton for president because he has family abroad and he wants to bring them to the United States.

"I like her perspective. I like what she offers," said Smith, who went to the polls with his wife, Shirleen.

In Miami-Dade, where elections officials have opened 30 early voting sites, many voters turned up at the Adrienne Arscht Center for the Performing Arts in Downtown Miami. Voters said it was kind of slow because some poll workers were new.

Voters walked in by the dozens early Monday to cast their vote in what most of them called "a historic election."

Marco Strapazzini, who said voted for Hilary Clinton, lives just off Biscayne Boulevard and added that he "needed to take part in this craziness" before going into work.

"This is our right; to express ourselves and at least believe we have a voice to make things better," said Strapazzini, 53, who emigrated from Italy in the 1990s. "People complain that this election is complicated, but its not. It's really simple, just go vote."

Dagyana Romero, 40, said voting goes beyond the polls for her. About two years ago, she lost her newborn premature daughter after complications at birth. She went to the polls with her daughters.

“This is why I do it,” Romero said. “I knew that if I had both my girls here, it would be an empowering scenario. It empowers me to be a great mother and woman, and to set an example to her.”

Romero and Strapazzini said they did not believe the election is rigged, as many, including Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump, have suggested. Both voters said they filled out a complete ballot.

“Not voting for anything else other than the president, well there's no point in that,” Romero said. “What about your community?”

Outside the Arsht Center, about a dozen undocumented immigrants campaigned for U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, a Republican running for re-election, and for Miguel Diaz de la Portilla for state senator.

“If I can't vote, I at least want our community to make my voice heard,” one woman said.

MEDIA OUTLET: CBS Miami (Channel 4)

HEADLINE: Early voting kicks off with short lines, eager voters, few glitches

BYLINE: CBS Miami

LINK: <http://miami.cbslocal.com/2016/10/24/mail-in-ballots-pour-in-as-early-voting-starts/>

STORY: TALLAHASSEE (CBSMiami/NSF) – More than one million mail-in ballots have already been cast in the general election, as early-voting polling locations opened Monday in most counties.

County elections supervisors reported that more than 1.2 million votes had been cast through vote-by-mail ballots as of Sunday afternoon, with 500,632 by Republicans and 483,019 by Democrats. Another 31,507 ballots had been cast by people registered with minor parties and 188,191 by Floridians without any party affiliation.

Another 1.95 million vote-by-mail ballots had been mailed out but hadn't been returned by voters.

In the 2012 presidential-election year, 2.38 million people voted by mail, 2.4 million used the early-voting option and 3.74 million went to the polls on Election Day.

All but 17 of Florida's 67 counties opened early-voting locations on Monday.

Early voting is mandated from October 29th through November 5th. However, county elections supervisors have the discretion to begin sooner and to keep early-voting locations open on November 6th.

MEDIA OUTLET: NBC Miami (Channel 6)

HEADLINE: Early Voting Begins for South Florida Residents

BYLINE: NBC Miami

LINK: <http://www.nbcmiami.com/news/local/Early-Voting-Begins-for-South-Florida-Residents-398120241.html>

STORY: Election day is just 16 days away and early voting is gearing up across Florida early Monday morning.

Fifty counties will open up polling places on Monday for early voting, including the state's largest counties Broward, Duval, Hillsborough, Miami-Dade, Orange and Palm Beach. The remaining counties will start up in the coming week.

Early voting in both Miami-Dade and Broward Counties will run until Nov. 6. and voting locations will be open daily between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Monroe County locations will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. until Nov. 5.

Election day is Nov. 8.

For a complete list of voting locations in Miami-Dade please visit:

<http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/vote-early.asp>

For a complete list of voting locations in Broward please visit:

<http://www.browardsoe.org/Voting-Methods/Early-Voting-Dates-Hours-and-Sites>

For a complete list of voting locations Monroe please visit:

<http://monroe.electionsfl.org/>

Polls have shown a tight race in the Sunshine State between Democrat Hillary Clinton and Republican Donald Trump.

Nearly 1.2 million voters in Florida have already mailed in ballots. The state has nearly 13 million registered voters.

MEDIA OUTLET: FOX Miami (Channel 7)

HEADLINE: South Florida residents start early voting

BYLINE: FOX Miami

LINK: <http://wsvn.com/news/local/south-florida-residents-start-early-voting-monday/>

STORY: MIAMI (WSVN) - Florida voters will get their say in the race for the White House, Monday, as the polls are ready to open for early voting.

The election is just over two weeks away, but the machines and polling places are said to be ready to open.

Miami-Dade County officials have been running accuracy tests on equipment and doing all they can to ensure things run smoothly.

"We have a lot of quality assurance measures in place, and as I said, we test every voting unit three times before it leaves this building for use," said Christina White, Miami-Dade County supervisor of elections, "so I am sure that we are going to be able to serve our voters accurately and efficiently when they come to vote in this election."

In Florida, a key battleground state, 477,000 absentee ballots have been returned out of two and a half million requested. Forty percent of those were from registered Republicans and 39 percent were from registered Democrats.

During an interview on Fox News, Sunday, Democratic vice presidential candidate Tim Kaine said early voting has become a popular practice across the Sunshine State. "I've been saying from the beginning that I thought this would be a close election, so it doesn't surprise me," he said.

About 45 million people are expected to vote early, comprising about 40 percent of all votes expected to be cast.

They're already doing it in Georgia, where early voting started last week. Florida is one of 36 states that, along with Washington, D.C., allows early voting before Election Day.

Some people voted as early as the August 30 primary to beat the Election Day rush.

"Every time they have early voting, I always vote early," said one man. "That way, I don't have to wait later on, in line."

"I think it's the best thing you can do," said another voter. "it's not many people there inside, and it's easy."

If the waiting during early voting is a concern, officials said there's a plan for that. "The wait times for each one of our 30 sites will be updated hourly on the website, so voters can pick a site that is very convenient for them and track it according to the wait time," said White.

Early voting for both Miami-Dade and Broward counties will run for two weeks and end on Sunday, Nov. 6. It will be made available at more locations and for longer hours than ever before, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Election Day is Nov. 8.

For a list of locations in Miami-Dade go to: <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/vote-early.asp>.

A sample ballot for Miami-Dade residents can be viewed at <http://www.miamidade.gov/elections/sample-ballots.asp>.

For a complete list of voting locations in Broward, go to <http://www.browardsoe.org/Voting-Methods/Early-Voting-Dates-Hours-and-Sites>.

A sample ballot for Broward County can be viewed at <http://www.browardsoe.org/Voter-Information/Sample-Ballot>.

MEDIA OUTLET: FOX Miami (Channel 7)

HEADLINE: BSO deputy gives car to hard-working Dania Beach man

BYLINE: Nicole Linsalata

LINK: <http://wsvn.com/news/local/bso-deputy-gives-car-to-hard-working-dania-beach-man/>

STORY: DANIA BEACH, FLA. (WSVN) - A South Florida community is making sure a special car is ready to roll for someone in need. A Broward Sheriff's Office deputy gave the vehicle to a man who was desperate for new wheels.

Dania Beach resident Charles Hilliard will be receiving the car all thanks to a caring community.

Ken Schliessman, the owner of Ken's Automotive is part of that community. He is donating his services to fix up the car. "Cars come in and cars are broken," he said, "and they want the car back and go on with their lives. He is really gonna be thrilled that he can get in the car and go to work in the morning and be there in two minutes and not wait for a bus for a half an hour."

Hilliard is a happy person and a man of faith. He also a survivor of throat cancer.

Broward Sheriff's Office Deputy Marilyn Doster is a horse owner who buys feed from the store Hilliard works at, Finish Line Feed Inc.

"Every time I see him work, he's running circles around guys who are half his age," Doster said. "I'm just always impressed with him. He told me he was on some hard times, and he'd been involved in a car accident, and he doesn't have transportation."

In September, Doster offered Hilliard a 2004 Acura that she owns but barely uses. That's when Doster's colleagues took it all a step further and raised \$700. "It paid for the car to be cleaned, and it paid to get a tag and title," said BSO deputy Joy Oglesby.

After a few weeks at Ken's Automotive, it was time to hand over the keys to Hilliard, Tuesday. He was deeply moved and began to tear up. "I don't know what to say, but thank you," he said.

The repair shop put in seven hours for free to make sure the car was in good shape, and now Hilliard has his own car.

MEDIA OUTLET: ABC Miami (Channel 10)

HEADLINE: Early voting opens Monday across South Florida

BYLINE: Jeff Tavss

LINK: <http://www.local10.com/news/elections/early-voting-opens-monday-across-south-florida>

STORY: MIAMI - As we prepare for one of the most hotly-contested elections in U.S. history, you can expect long lines at the ballot box on Nov. 8.

But the early voting period offers hope for those who want to make casting a ballot a more pleasant experience.

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Early voting throughout South Florida opens Monday and continues for two weeks, a total of 168 hours of voting time.

All early voting locations in Miami-Dade and Broward will be open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m., while Monroe County locations will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Monroe County's early voting period will end a day earlier on Nov. 5.

Citizens can vote at any location in the county where they are registered to vote, just remember to bring an acceptable form of photo ID.

MIAMI-DADE EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

ADRIENNE ARSHT CENTER: 1300 Biscayne Boulevard, Miami

ARCOLA LAKES BRANCH LIBRARY: 8240 N.W. 7 Avenue, Miami

BETTY T. FERGUSON COMMUNITY CENTER: 3000 N.W. 199 Street, Miami Gardens

CARRIE P. MEEK SENIOR & CULTURAL CENTER: 1350 N.W. 50 Street, Miami

CORAL GABLES LIBRARY: 3443 Segovia Street, Coral Gables

CORAL REEF LIBRARY: 9211 S.W. 152 Street, Miami

ELECTIONS DEPARTMENT: 2700 N.W. 87 Avenue, Doral

HISTORIC GARAGE: 3250 South Miami Avenue, Miami

HOMESTEAD COMMUNITY CENTER: 1601 N. Krome Avenue, Homestead

INTERNATIONAL MALL LIBRARY: 10315 N.W. 12 Avenue, Doral

JOHN F. KENNEDY LIBRARY: 190 W. 49 Avenue, Hialeah

KENDALL LIBRARY: 9101 S.W. 97 Avenue, Miami

KENDALL LAKES LIBRARY: 15205 S.W. 88 Street, Miami

LEMON CITY LIBRARY: 430 N.E. 61 Street, Miami

MIAMI BEACH CITY HALL: 1700 Convention Center Drive, Miami Beach

MIAMI LAKES COMMUNITY CENTER: 15151 N.W. 82 Avenue, Miami Lakes

MODEL CITY BRANCH LIBRARY: 2211 N.W. 54 Street, Miami

NARANJA LIBRARY: 14850 S.W. 280 Street, Miami

NORTH DADE LIBRARY: 2455 N.W. 183 Street, Miami Gardens

NORTH MIAMI LIBRARY: 835 N.E. 132 Street, North Miami

NORTH SHORE LIBRARY: 7501 Collins Avenue, Miami Beach

NORTHEAST DADE-AVENTURA LIBRARY: 2930 Aventura Boulevard, Aventura
PALMETTO BAY LIBRARY: 17641 Old Cutler Road, Palmetto Bay
PINECREST LIBRARY: 5835 S.W. 111 Street, Pinecrest
SHENANDOAH LIBRARY: 2111 S.W. 19 Street, Miami
SOUTH DADE LIBRARY: 10750 S.W. 211 Street, Cutler Bay
STEPHEN C. CLARK GOV'T CENTER: 111 N.W. 1 Street, Miami
WEST DADE LIBRARY: 9445 S.W. 24 Street, Miami
WEST END LIBRARY: 10201 Hammocks Boulevard, Miami
WEST MIAMI COMMUNITY CENTER: 901 S.W. 62 Avenue, West Miami
BROWARD COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

AFRICAN-AMERICAN LIBRARY: 2650 Sistrunk Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale
CORAL RIDGE MALL: 3200 N. Federal Highway, Fort Lauderdale
DAVIE-COOPER CITY LIBRARY: 4600 S.W. 82 Avenue, Davie
EMMA LOU OLSON CIVIC CENTER: 1801 N.E. 6 Street, Pompano Beach
FORT LAUDERDALE LIBRARY: 1350 E. Sunrise Boulevard, Fort Lauderdale
HALLANDALE BEACH CULTURAL CENTER: 410 S.E. 3 Street, Hallandale Beach
HOLLYWOOD LIBRARY: 2600 Hollywood Boulevard, Hollywood
MIRAMAR LIBRARY: 2050 Civic Center Place, Miramar
NORTH REGIONAL LIBRARY: 1100 Coconut Creek Boulevard, Coconut Creek
NORTHWEST LIBRARY: 3151 University Drive, Coral Springs
OVETA McKEITHEN RECREATIONAL COMPLEX: 445 S.W. 2 Street, Deerfield Beach
PARKLAND RECREATION CENTER: 10559 Trails End, Parkland
E. PAT LARKINS COMMUNITY CENTER: 520 Martin Luther King Boulevard, Pompano Beach
LAUDERHILL MALL: 1519 N.W. 40 Avenue, Lauderhill
SOUTH LIBRARY: 7300 Pines Boulevard, Pembroke Pines
SOUTHWEST LIBRARY: 16835 Sheridan Street, Pembroke Pines
SUNRISE SENIOR CENTER: 10650 W. Oakland Park Boulevard, Sunrise
TAMARAC LIBRARY: 8701 W. Commercial Boulevard, Tamarac
WEST LIBRARY: 8601 W. Broward Boulevard, Plantation
WESTON LIBRARY: 4205 Bonaventure Boulevard, Weston
WILTON MANORS CITY HALL: 2020 Wilton Drive, Wilton Manors
MONROE COUNTY EARLY VOTING LOCATIONS

SUPERVISOR OF ELECTION OFFICES -
(530 Whitehead Street, Key West)
(10015 Overseas Highway, Marathon)
(102050 Overseas Highway, Key Largo)
BIG PINE KEY COMMUNITY PARK: 31009 Atlantis Drive, Big Pine Key
ISLAMORADA LIBRARY: 81830 Overseas Highway, MM 81.7, Islamorada