

## NEWS

## February airport's busiest

### Traffic up nearly 9 percent

More than 841,000 passengers traveled through Southwest Florida International Airport in February making it the busiest February in the airport's 23-year-history. Passenger traffic increased nearly 9 percent from last February. It was also up 7.5 percent from the month prior, which was the busiest January on record. Year-to-date traffic is up 8.3 percent compared to this time last year.

AirTran led the way in February with 101,261 passengers traveling to and from Fort Myers. The other airlines that rounded out the top five were US Airways (97,133), Delta (87,510), Spirit (82,488) and JetBlue (80,292). International passenger traffic increased 42 percent compared to last February.

Airfreight was up almost 4 percent compared to February 2006 and set a new record for the month with more than 3.4 million pounds moving through the airport. Year-to-date freight activity is almost 5 percent more than last year at this time with almost 7 million pounds.

Page Field General Aviation Airport, also operated by the Lee County Port Authority, saw an increase in aircraft movements of over 8 percent in February. In addition, operations are up almost 4 percent at the general aviation airport compared to last year.

Southwest Florida International Airport served more than 7.6 million passengers in 2006 and is one of the top 50 busiest U.S. airports. ■

## New birth control method approved

### Device now available in Southwest Florida

A new contraceptive device that could revolutionize birth control has been approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and is currently offered in Southwest Florida by Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida.

Dr. Paul Joslyn, a gynecologist with the primary care group, is the first physician in Southwest Florida to be trained in administering IMPLANON™, which is implanted under the skin of the upper arm and is effective for up to three years. He will be training other physicians in Southwest Florida over the next few months regarding proper insertion of the device.

IMPLANON™ is a flexible plastic rod the size of a matchstick that is placed under the skin and contains a hormone called etonogestrel. Because IMPLANON™ does not contain estrogen, physicians may recommend it even if patients cannot use estrogen.

"This represents a real advancement in contraceptive technology and will provide women with a new level of confidence in

contraception," Joslyn said.

Approximately 2.5 million women in more than 30 countries have used IMPLANON™ worldwide since 1998. If IMPLANON™ is inserted correctly, chances of becoming pregnant are less than one pregnancy per 100 women, according to the manufacturer.

"Even the best intentioned women can have difficulty using their birth control method consistently, which can lead to unintended pregnancy. IMPLANON™ is a hopeful alternative for women who prefer not to think about birth control every day, week, or month," Joslyn said.

The most common side effect reported is irregular bleeding, including more or less bleeding or absence of bleeding that may vary throughout the duration of use.

Women who wish to become pregnant may have the implant removed at any time, Joslyn said.

Physicians' Primary Care of Southwest Florida, a physician-owned and operated medical practice, was formed in 1996 and has grown to become the largest independent multi-specialty practice in Southwest Florida with more than 50 physicians.

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