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He provides expertise in ecological services

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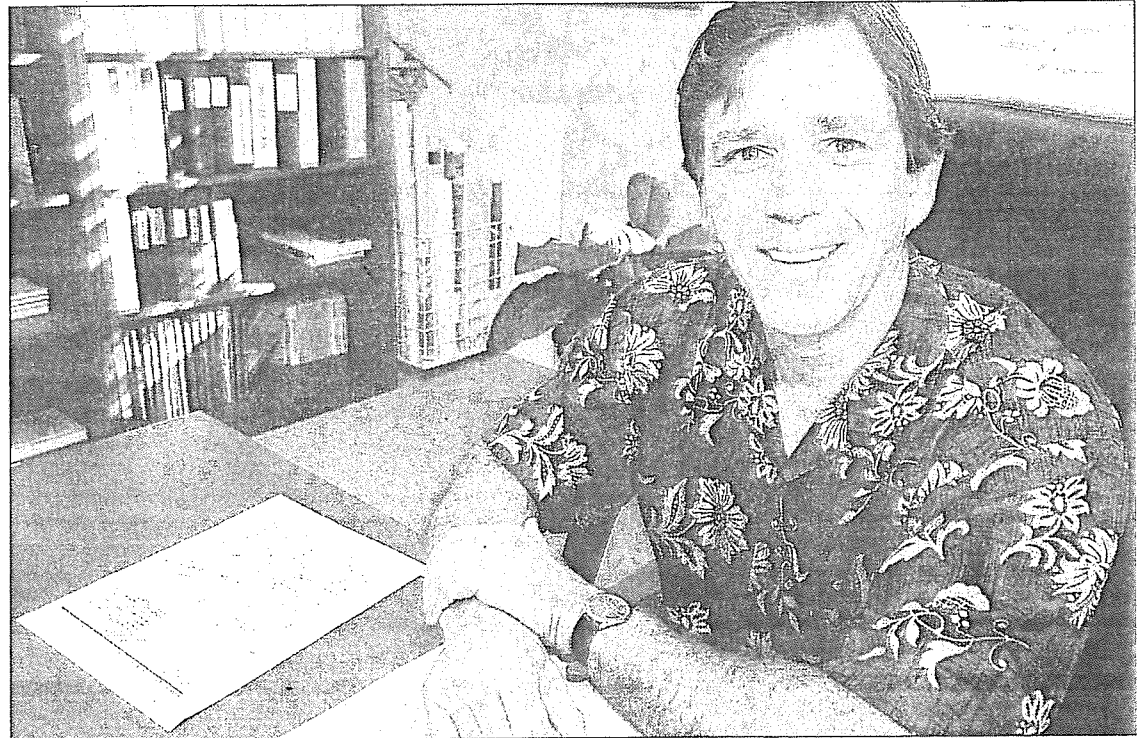
Age: 51

Job: Senior vice president of Passarella & Associates Inc. Consulting Ecologists. I have been with Passarella & Associates since 1996. I provide expertise in ecological services for school districts, private developments and transportation projects. Handle permitting; prepare environmental impact statements and ecological assessments; conduct wetland delineations, list species surveys and relocations; and design wetland-mitigation projects.

I graduated from Michigan State University with a degree in wildlife biology and management, and was certified by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a wetland delineator and by the Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission to perform gopher tortoise relocations.

In the near future: Continue to help clients achieve the right balance between development and sustaining the unique environmental resources of our region. Assist Ken Passarella in business development by building a larger client base and helping to mentor the younger, talented ecologists we have in our firm.

Long-term goals: Semi-retire by 60; travel; go back to school and obtain my master's degree in botany.



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■ Mike Myers is senior vice president at Passarella & Associates, Inc. in south Fort Myers. The company provides consulting ecologists to developers such as Bonita Bay and WCI.

Hobbies, interests and activities: Weight training, sporting clays shooting, bird-watching and butterfly gardening.

Family: Single

Last book read: "Songbird Journeys" by Miyoko Chu

Role Model: My mother.

After losing my father in a construction accident at a young age, she was left with the daunting task of raising three children on her own, and she did it without complaint and with total selflessness. Her attitude on life is truly inspirational.

Words of Advice: Most of life is about work, whether it is for your family, your business or

your health. I think it's important to accept work as your duty. When you do, you will eventually find that your duty becomes your joy.

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