

High flying hobbyists catch wind of this invention

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high school. I don't know now. I do this because it's fun."

His quest to find what he wanted to do included a stint in the Green Berets. It was during his stint with Special Forces when he learned to parachute from a plane.

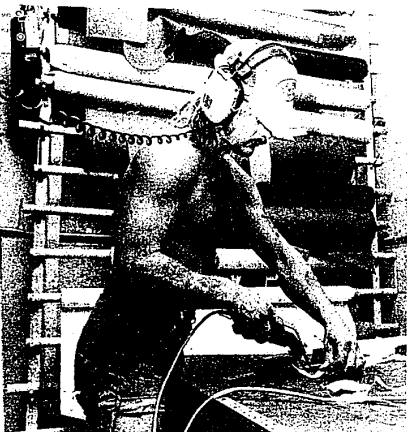
Mrs. Sherman runs the office and keeps up with the phones, which seem to ring as soon as she puts them down. Although she's never skydived she says she's learned all about it through "osmosis."

SHE'S ACQUIRED enough knowledge about the sport to be a judge for competitions as well as to know the ins and outs of different styles of harnesses chutes.

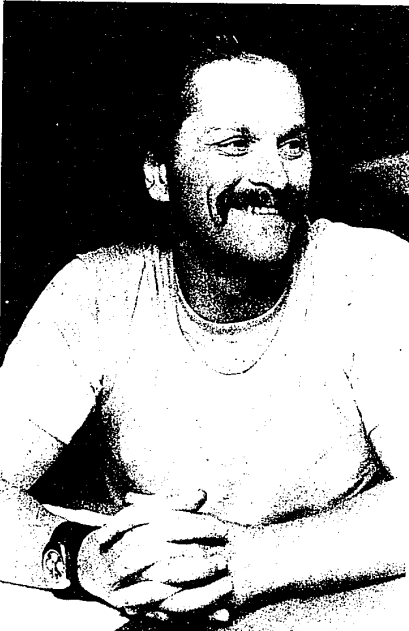
"I like skydivers. I like the people the sport attracts. They're free spirits," she said.



Dan Wilcox operates the sewing machine in the Jump Shack. (Staff photos by Randy Borst)



Paul Stuart cuts material that will be used to make parachute containers. The headphones pipe in music. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)



John Sherman turned his hobby into a thriving business. (Staff photo by Randy Borst)

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