Who's doing windows?

The only caveal is that you need at least a 286 PC with a megabyte of memory. You really should have a 386 with about three megabytes. But there are a lot those PCs out in the business world' And, with prices for hardware coming down, there'il be a lot more.

So what to do?

Unlike most of the stuff that the technocrats want you to add to your PC, Windows 3.0 actually simplifies using the machine. Practically all programs under Windows run from neat little pictures on the screen called icons.

You don't even need to select from a menu. Just take your mouse, move

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New program revolutionizes personal computing

Welcome to the Computer Insider, The Computer Insider is a bit different from the computer columns with which you may be

columns with which you may ve familiar. Here we aren't going to provide a crame technical information full of fargon. We're just going to dis-cuss ways in which you can use that personal computer sitting on your desk a little bit better, even if you wish someone would take the thing and toss it in front of a truck.

the thing and toss it in front of a You might say this is a comput-er column for people who don't care one way or the other about computers but are forced to spend eight hours a day using civil to so often. Ill teach mack-overy so often the teach mack your questions. Send 'em here to the paper. They'll find me. Enough of that. Let's get to it.

Should you be doing windows?
If you or your boss has read just about anything in the computer mags lately — heck; if you were watching CNN when the announcement was made — you've beard the



hype about Microsoft's Windows 3.0.
"This thing is gonna revolutionize computing, you bet." At least that's what the pundits all say. The big question from the perspective of a

duestion from the perspective of a lot of business computer users seems to be, "huh?"

I spend a fair amount of time on the Prodigy service, and there's a lot of talk about Windows 3.0 there. Most of the talk is really just confu-sion

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There's a whole bunch of head scratching going on about Windows these days. Even so, in the less than three months Windows 3.0 has been on the street, Billion dollar Bill Gates, the wonder boy at the helm of Microsoft, claims to have shipped almost a million copies. McDonald's can't even sell Bilg Macs that fast. There must be a reason.

It turns out that there is, and it's a very good reason. If you have the

its arrow on your screen to the pic-ture of the application program you want and click the mouse button twice. That's all there is to it.

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There's lost more Windows can do,
too. For example, it can let you useseveral programs at the same time.
That means that a program with a
tot of work to do wort make you
wait while it churns. You just move
on to another application and let
Windows and your PC do the rest in
the background.

Windows and your PC do the rest in the background. Windows also lets you move text form one program to another with its clipboard. Look up something in a database, put the info in the clipboard, and move it to your word processors. All with a few clicks of the mouse button. You, Windows 3.0 probably will your boat brings Windows 3.0 probably will your boat brings Windows 3.0 to you and says you're gonna love it, give it a shot.

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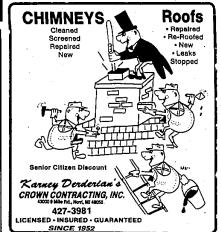
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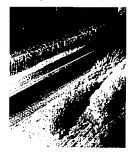
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