In 1979, some software company in Bellevue was hiring

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I'm guessing that my colleague Chad Beeder had some time on his hands, because he discovered that the Seattle Public Library has searchable archives of the *Seattle Times* going back to 1895. The earliest mention of Microsoft was a classified ad from October 10, 1979:

position, please call 453-4600 for more information. An Equal Opportunity Employer, M/F/H.

COMPUTER System Programer, full time. Position involves designing, debugging & maintaining compiler, interpreters & operating systems for micro-processors. Requires BS or MS in computer science plus at least 2 yrs directly related experience. Company paid health insurance. Salary $18,000. Send resume to: Microsoft, 10800 N.E. 8th St, Suite 819, Bellevue, WA, 98004.

CONTROLLER
CPA, preferably experienced in
Y'know, before hiring a *programer*, you may want to hire a proofreader.

The downtown Bellevue address used to be the Old National Bank building. (That is, the building for the bank named *Old National*, not the old building for the *National Bank*.) It is now known as *U.S. Bank Plaza*, with retail banking on the ground floor and offices on the upper floors.

Bonus chatter: At the old Bellevue office, you could walk in off the street and buy software from the receptionist. You did have to sign a license agreement in person, though.

Bonus reading: Moving out of the downtown Bellevue office.

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