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For actual capacity, you must now look at hard drive space, industry standard is 20 gigabytes. This may seem like a lot but bear in mind that today's programs are larger than yesterdays and tomorrows will be bigger. Again, size matters and the bigger the better. Also, check for hard drive speed, 7200 rpm is great and should be sought out. 5400 rpm are fast becoming out of date and will slow down your machine. A 40 gigabyte harddrive at 7200 rpm should last you quite awhile.

Don't let advertisements full of things like serial ports, parallel ports, mouse connectors, keyboard connectors and USB connections confuse you. You are not getting any added value as these are all standard on all machines these days. In terms of monitors, 17" are relatively inexpensive and should be looked at as they cost as much as a 15" cost a few years ago and the difference is very noticeable.

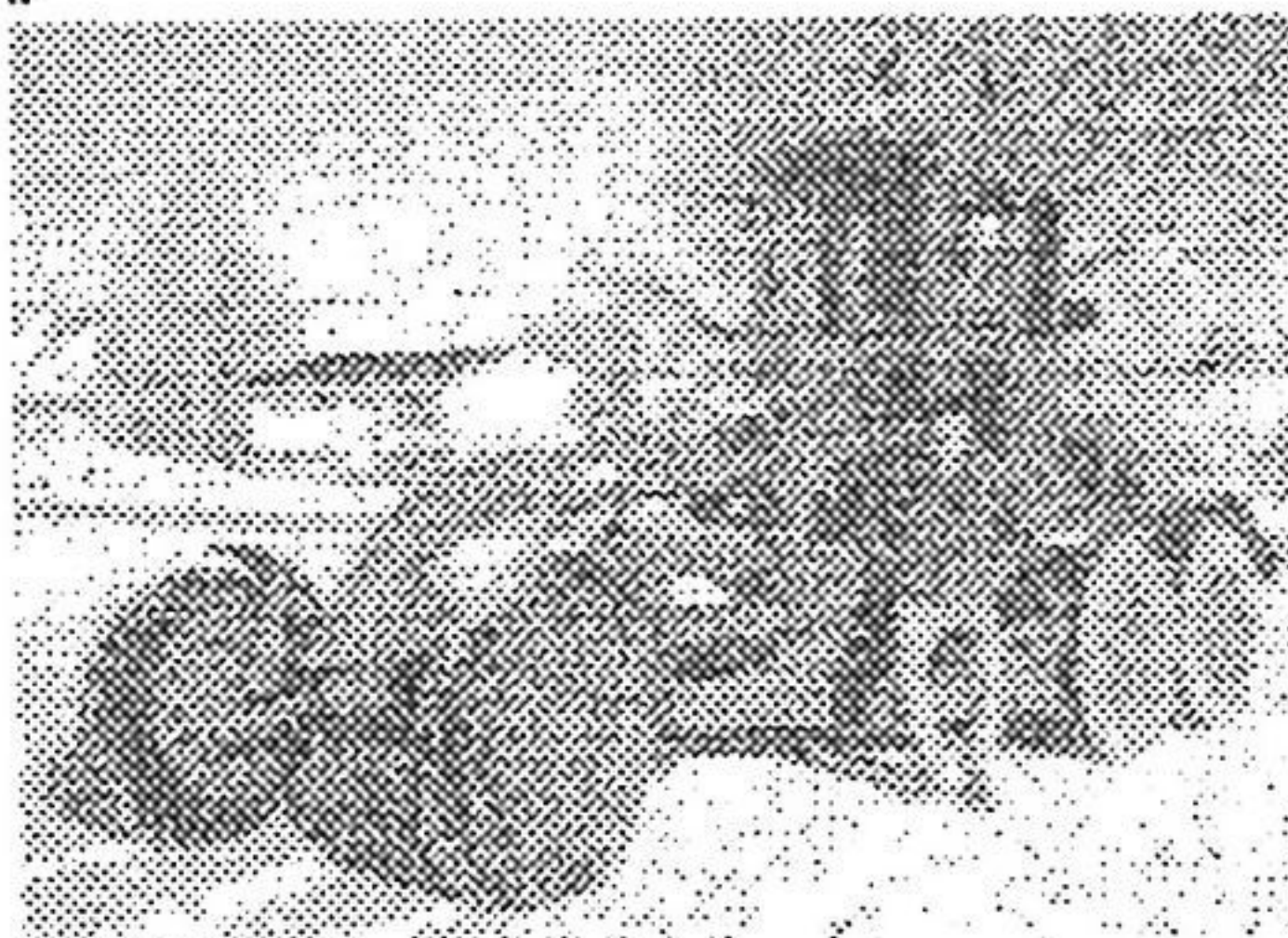
Make sure the system you are looking at has a modem, otherwise no internet for you. Cd rom speed should be at least 52 x and Cd writers can be found at the 32x speed at a good price these days. As for printers, the bubble jet is still the most inexpensive, however, if you are interested in greater speed for business applications that do not need colour, then look for a LaserJet. The lower end models are quite well priced and the speed increase is well worth the money.

Box stores and other large companies can have great prices, but look at their support. Always find out just how far the company will go to try and help you. Phone support can be very trying if your problem is a physical one. Always ask what the company will do in the advent of a hardware problem as it is not good to be without a

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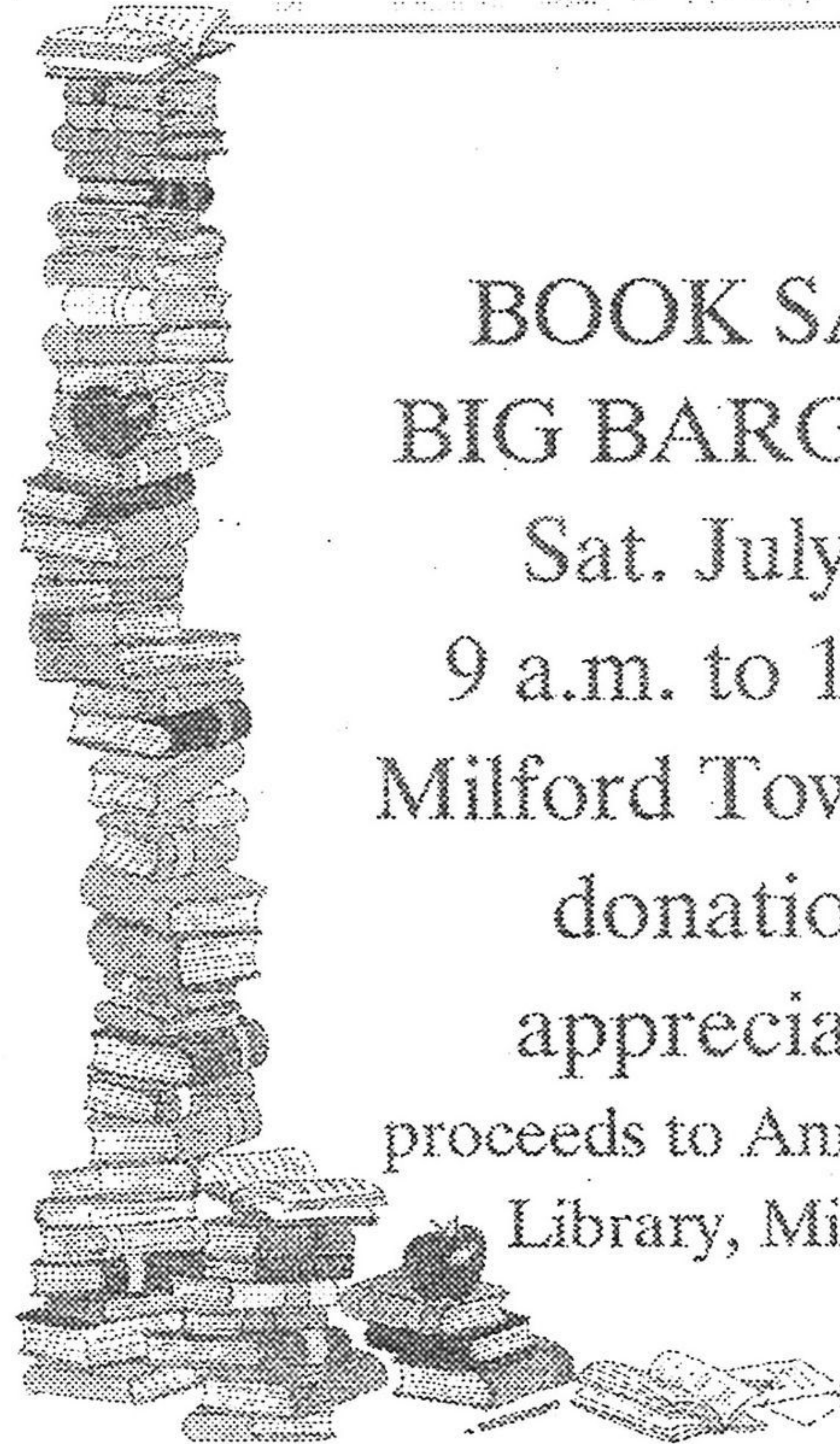
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