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Words of Encouragement

As a group of pessimistic frogs were traveling through the woods, two of them fell into a deep pit. When the other frogs crowded around the pit and saw how deep it was, they told the two frogs that there was no hope for them. The pit was simply too deep to jump out of.

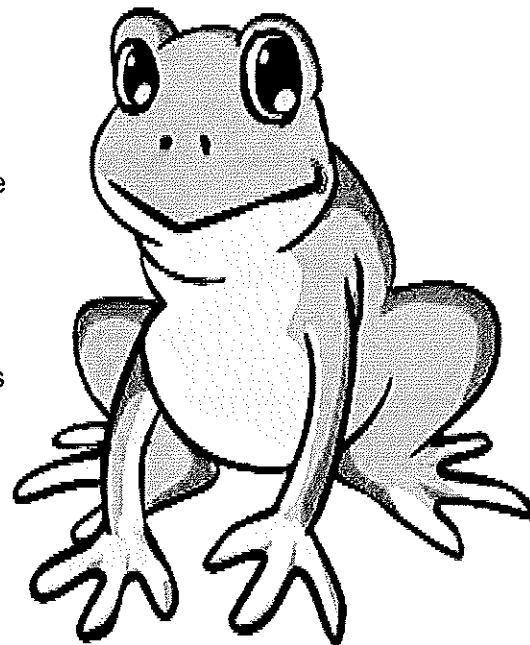
However, the two frogs ignored what the others were saying. They jumped with all their might. They kept at it for a good while. Every time they failed, the frogs at the top waved and shouted that they should give up. There was no way to make it out. Why not save their strength to enjoy what they could? Plenty of insects flew into the hole to support the frogs. Water dripped in from rains, but drained away too quickly for it to float them upward. Still, it was enough to live on.

Eventually, one of the frogs took heed to what the others were saying. He gave up, and settled into his new life in the pit. The other frog continued to jump as hard as he could. Again, the crowd of frogs at the top yelled at him to stop the pain and just relax.

He jumped even harder, finally putting in his mightiest jump yet. And he made it out of the hole. The other frogs gathered around to congratulate him. "But," they said, "Why did you bother? We kept telling you it was too high. You should have listened to us."

The frog just waved at his ears, letting them know he was deaf, and thanking them for encouraging him to get out of the hole.

Moral of the story: Words have as much power as we allow. Close your ears to discouragement.



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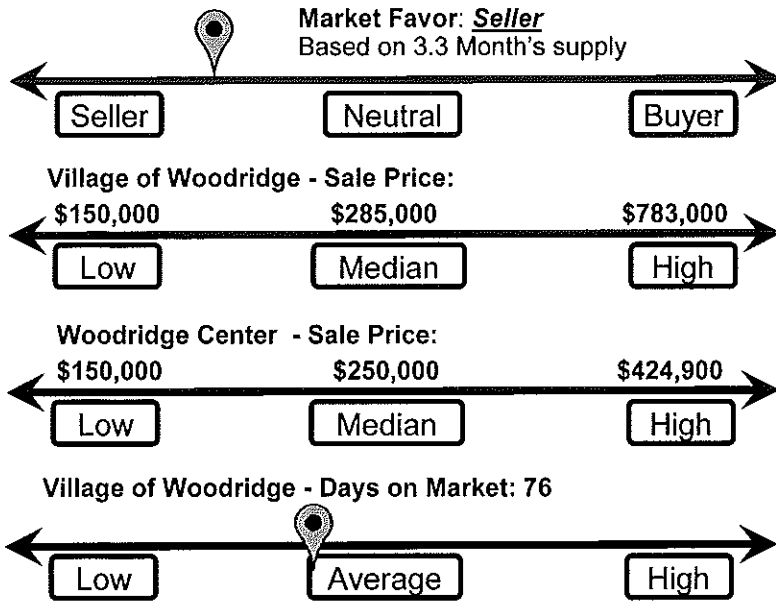
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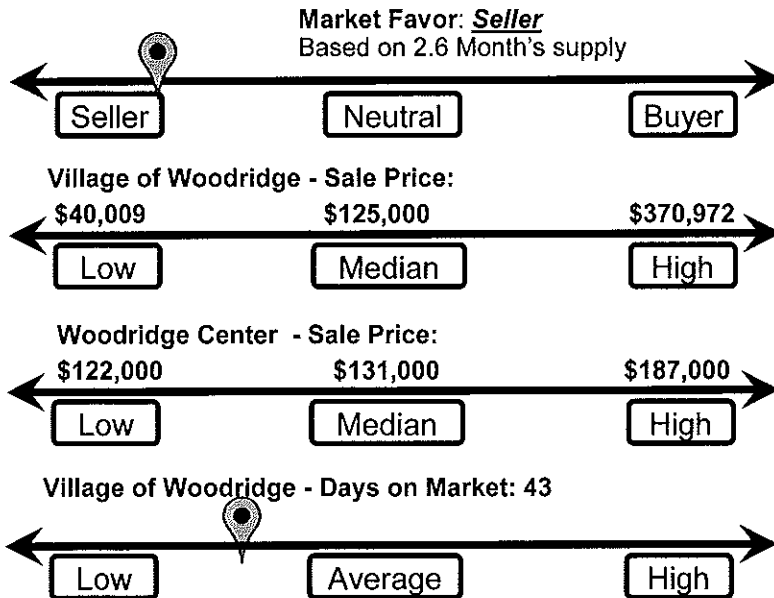
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