

# Teen Night - Soothing Silhouettes

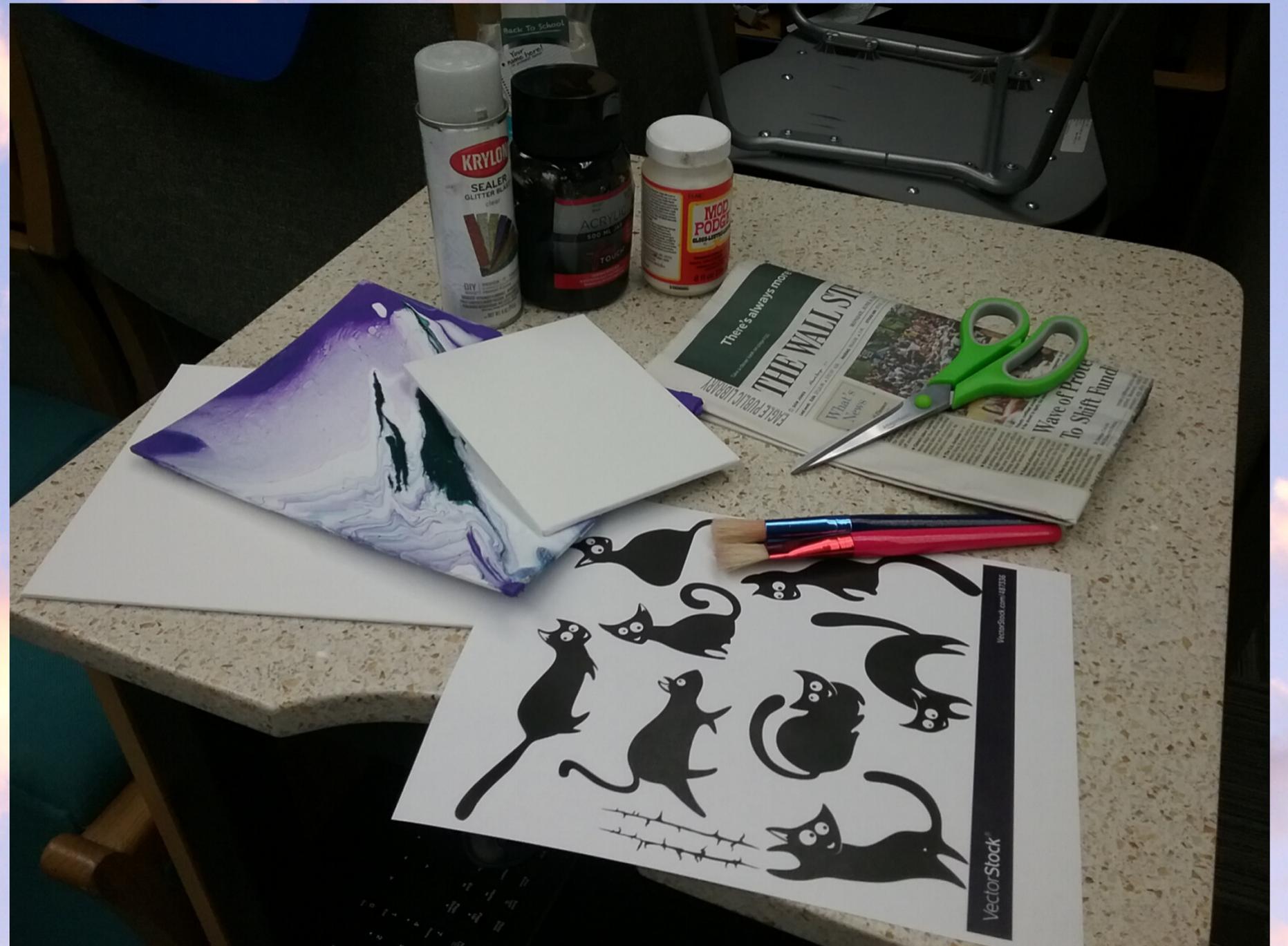


A background image of a bright blue sky filled with numerous small, fluffy white clouds. Some clouds are illuminated from below, giving them a warm, golden-orange glow, suggesting a sunset or sunrise. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

**Welcome to Teen Night - Soothing Silhouettes! This week, we're going to get creative with canvas, paint, newspaper, and glue. This craft is great for creating meaningful gifts, as well as for decorating your own personal space. It's also great for stress relief, because there are no mistakes - just happy accidents.**

## Supply List

- Artists' Canvas Board (Any size. Go nuts.)
- Newspaper or old book pages
- Mod Podge
- Paint brushes
- Scissors
- Pre-printed silhouette (if not painting one yourself)
- Black acrylic paint (if painting silhouette directly onto the canvas)
- Spray sealant



**Step 1:**  
**Prepare the pieces you want to use to create the background. If you are using an old newspaper, cut it up into pieces that make you happy. If you're using an old book, find a page that fits your theme (if you have one) or that just looks really cool. You can also choose to paint a background. In this case, we used a few paint pours that were from another class that Ms. Amber did a few weeks ago.**



# Ex-NASA Official's Boeing Tie Is Probed

By ANDY PASETOR

NASA's inspector general is investigating an allegation that a high-ranking NASA official this year improperly guided Boeing Co. regarding an agency competition for lucrative lunar-lander contracts, according to people familiar with the details.

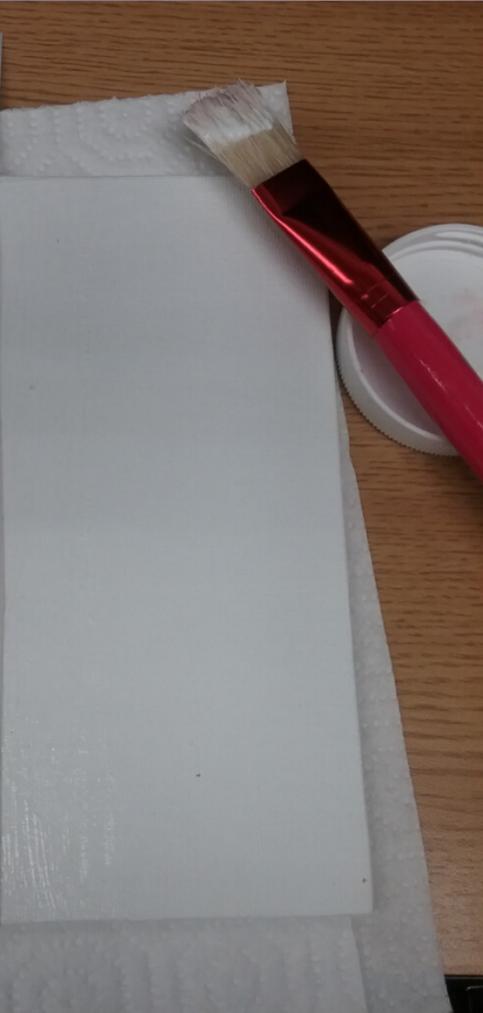
The probe, according to these people, focuses on communications Boeing officials had with the head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's human-exploration office, Doug Loverro, before he resigned in May.

The inspector general's staff, these people said, is looking into an allegation that Mr. Loverro improperly provided guidance that could have offered the Chicago aerospace company unusual insight into aspects of the competition.

Boeing ultimately was eliminated in the competition for technical and cost reasons unrelated to the communications with Mr. Loverro, according to these people. The outcome was viewed as a blow for Boeing, long formidable in U.S. space exploration efforts.

In a related strand of the inquiry, according to these people, investigators are looking into Mr. Loverro's various contacts with Boeing and a second bidder outside normal contracting channels. Investigators are still trying to determine what information was passed on and whether motivations were ill-intended, these people said.

After NASA's chief asked for his resignation on May 18, Mr. Loverro sent a farewell message to staff the next day. He wrote that "risk-taking is part of the job description" of



## Editorial-Page Editor at Times Steps Down

BY JAMIE MULLIN  
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The New York Times editorial-page chief resigned, becoming the second prominent U.S. newspaper editor to lose his job in the weekend following criticism over decisions related to coverage of nationwide protests sparked by the killing of George Floyd.

Mr. Bennett will be succeeded by deputy editorial-page editor Kathleen Kingsbury, who has served as acting editorial-page editor through the end of the 2020 presidential election, the New York Times Co. said on Monday.

Mr. James Dao, a deputy editorial-page editor, will be reassigned to the newsroom, the company said. In an interview, New York Times publisher A.G. Sulzberger said the paper's op-ed section needed "significant change," and that it would have been hard for Messrs. Bennett and Dao "to lead that effort."

The company said Messrs. Bennett and Dao weren't available for comment.

Mr. Bennett's resignation came less than a week after the New York Times opinion section published an op-ed from Sen. Tom Cotton (R., Ark.) that called for the U.S. government to deploy military troops as part of "an overwhelming show of force" to deter looting amid protests sparked by the killing of Mr. Floyd, a black man, while in police custody in Minneapolis last month.

The op-ed, originally titled "Send in the Troops," was criticized by many New York Times reporters and editors on social media, who said it endangered their black colleagues covering the protests.

PG&E Corp. moved into the last stages of its Chapter 11 plan confirmation bearing on Friday, asking a judge for a signature by this week on a massive balance-sheet reshaping driven by the need to pay \$25.5 billion in damages from years of wildfires.

Judge Dennis Montali heard arguments for three days this week in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court in San Francisco and is expected to rule quickly, and favorably, on PG&E's plan.

Objections remain, but the judge warned those challenging the plan that missing a June 30 deadline to confirm it would cost PG&E its shot at participating in a statewide wildfire fund. The fund is designed to cushion the balance sheet of utilities against the shock of catastrophes.

In bankruptcy, the utility company is working on made deals with major groups of victims, including the fire-ravaged California city of Paradise, as well as with investors that hold stakes in insurance claims, stock and bonds.

PG&E is setting aside \$12.5 billion in a trust for fire victims, but half the funding is in the form of stock. While some victims' representatives debated the merits of PG&E's plan in a public courtroom, others huddled with a mediator, negotiating terms that could affect the value of the stock.

Robert Julian, lawyer for the official fire victims committee, said Friday the panel supports PG&E's plan, as long as fire victims get equal treatment with major institutional investors when it comes to their rights as shareholders.

The stock closed Friday at \$12.52 a share after a midday spike that caused the New York Stock Exchange to call a brief trading halt.

Getting a signed confirmation order isn't PG&E's final hurdle in resolving the billions of dollars in claims it is facing. Once the order is signed, PG&E has to raise billions in new debt and equity investments in a market rolled by unrest and disruption from the coronavirus pandemic.

PG&E lawyer Stephen Rotkin told Judge Montali he would like a final decision on confirmation by June to aid the money-raising effort. Securities-law restrictions will make it tough for PG&E to talk to investors in metropolitan areas to attract more high earners. It hasn't happened, but Covid-19 could change that.

Cities have historically been the drivers of commerce and innovation. When people and firms gathered near one another, they were able to quickly meet each other's needs while sharing ideas. Technology seems like it should have eroded those benefits. Instead, some cities, such as Detroit, fell into decline while others, such as New York, after setbacks, emerged as vital as ever.

What happened, says Harvard University economist Edward Glaeser, is that although information technology made it easier for manufacturers to move away from cities, it increased the benefits of proximity when it came to developing innovations in knowledge-intensive industries. So even though they were initially hurt by manufacturers' exit, places that had many educated people eventually thrived.

But communications technology has kept advancing and workers have become more adept at using it, especially amid the Covid-19 crisis and the work-from-home experiment it has created. Having learned that they can work effectively without having everybody in the office, companies won't unlearn it.

Christy Johnson founded Artemis Connection, a 35-year-old consulting firm, at Yahoo seven years ago.

A survey published in April from economist Erik Brynjolfsson and colleagues showed nearly 50% of the U.S. workforce had gone remote as a result of the coronavirus. Based on a few months of early data, companies are now considering a major cultural change by instituting permanent work-from-home policies. But corporations as productive, well-oiled remote machines could easily turn out to be a pipe dream.

Facebook in May said it expects it could have half of its employees working remotely in the next five to 10 years—a policy Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg said he thinks will be "the most forward leaning" at his company's scale. He has cited stable productivity from at-home employees so far and the promise of untapped, potentially less costly remote talent as compelling benefits. Others

believe the crisis has passed, but she acknowledges that it isn't applicable in all settings. "There are some areas where face-to-face has to happen—think about innovation that has to happen in a lab," she says.

Companies need to take into consideration the employee loyalty that comes when people work together. Younger workers' desire to live and work where they can meet and mingle will remain a draw, too, Mr. Glaeser says more companies may move to set up satellite offices to keep those benefits while casting a larger net for talent.

"I think we'll see more clusters of creativity in remote offices centered around consumer cities—places where people want to live, like Boulder or Vail," he says. Having workers telecommute from home a couple of days a week—a measure many employers will likely adopt until a vaccine becomes available—could be another lasting change.

Many companies will just go back to their old way of doing things, but even partial adoption could have big repercussions. People who only go to office a few days a week will be more willing to live far from the city, affecting property values. It would lower the demand for commercial office space and hurt sales at downtown restaurants.

General attitudes toward remote work have been changing. Ms. Mayer's move was controversial back in 2013, though she voiced legitimate concerns over lost productivity and connectivity. Today, working from home is considered less a boondoggie and more a flexible arrangement that can, at the very least, save employees time and money.

But even some remote-work pioneers are wary. Tim Ferriss, the author who championed the benefits of working from home in his 2007 bestseller "The 4-Hour Workweek," cautions that companies shouldn't assume employees under lockdown "will be equally productive once Starbucks, lunches with friends, happy-hour drinks and other temptations return to day-to-day life."

Mr. Zuckerberg said he

**Step 2:**  
**Lay down a layer of Mod Podge on your Canvas Board, then attach either your newspaper or book leaf. Arrange the newspaper pieces any way you like. After you have them arranged and attached, brush a layer of Mod Podge over the whole Board. Let it dry.**



**Step 3:**  
**Choose your silhouette. If you want to download a pre-made one, then cut it out, place it on the board where you want it, and attach it with Mod Podge. If you want to paint your silhouette, then grab some black acrylic paint, a brush or two, and do your thing.**



# Step 4:

## Let dry, then spray with a clear sealant. Let your creation dry again, then decide if you want to frame it, keep it, or give it away.



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