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The **Maurice A. Deane School of Law at Hofstra University** in Hempstead has hired two associate professors.



Matthew A. Shapiro of Rockville Centre was a Supreme Court law clerk to Chief Justice John G. Roberts Jr. in Washington.



Brenner M. Fissell of Fort Greene, Brooklyn, was a U.S. Department of Defense appellate defense counsel for detainees held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Farmingdale State College has hired two new directors.



Davinder Kaur of Valley Stream, director of distance learning, was an assistant dean of online learning at Stony Brook University.



Alexander Caviedes of East Islip, director of academic advisement/information, was an associate professor of politics and international affairs at SUNY Fredonia.



James Henry of Hauppauge, curriculum associate for math and business in grades 6-12, has been named associate principal for the

Robert Frost Middle School in Deer Park. — **DIANE DANIELS**

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IDA HELPING PLAINVIEW FACTORY EXPANSION

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Supreme Screw Products Inc., a manufacturer of precision-machined components, plans a \$4.7 million expansion adjacent to its Plainview headquarters, and will hire 20 more workers.

The company, which sells its products to the medical device, automotive, aerospace and firearm industries, plans to buy a 31,000-square-foot industrial space owned by Alure Home Improvements at 1 Commercial Ct.

Supreme Screw received final approval for tax breaks for the expansion from the Nassau County Industrial Development Agency last week.

The company previously received IDA help for its move from the Bronx to Long Island about three years ago. Supreme Screw came to Nassau with 36 employees with a commitment to hire 29 more. It now employs 82 full-time workers.

“They are a Nassau County IDA success story,” Peter Curry, an attorney for the company, said last week. The company had surpassed by 25 percent its hiring commitment made when it got the earlier tax aid.

Misha Migdal, president and owner of the company, said at the meeting that he couldn’t have predicted the growth the company has seen since relocating to Long Island.

Under the new agreement



President Misha Migdal moved Supreme Screw Products to Long Island from this Bronx factory in 2015. The plan is to hire 20 more workers. Supreme sells to the medical, auto, aerospace and firearm industries.

with the IDA, Supreme Screw will turn the proposed project site into a “high-tech manufacturing building” and will commit to hiring the additional 20 employees at an average salary of \$55,000, Curry said.

The IDA approved a mortgage recording tax break of up to \$27,000 for the company; a sales tax savings of up to \$30,187 on the purchase of equipment and fixtures for the project; and a 15-year freeze on property taxes at the current rate. If the company makes good on its

commitments, at the end of 15 years it can exercise a 5-year extension with increases of 1.66 percent to the tax rate for each of the remaining years.

In 2014, Supreme Screw was approved for tax assistance for its relocation from the Bronx to two buildings in Mineola. The company had considered relocating to Connecticut or New Jersey.

The Mineola deal never closed due to environmental issues there. Supreme Screw reapplied for and received benefits

— including a 15-year property tax deal — the following year for its current headquarters at 10 Skyline Dr. in Plainview.

“This is exactly the kind of project the IDA should be doing,” said Richard Kessel, chairman of the IDA. “I think the IDA board of past and of present deserves a lot of credit.”

The IDA reviewed the application and held a public hearing on the project after giving the project preliminary approval in May.

EPA seeking to ease rules reducing methane leaks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Trump administration moved closer Tuesday to rolling back Obama-era rules reducing oil and gas industry leaks of methane gas, one of the most potent agents of climate change.

The Environmental Protection Agency formally released its proposed substitute for a 2016 Obama administration rule that aimed to step up detection and elimination of methane leaks at well sites and other oil and gas facilities. The agency’s move is part of a broad Trump administration effort to undo President Barack Obama’s legacy programs to fight climate change by cutting emissions from oil, gas and coal.

The EPA’s proposal Tuesday



Leaks of tons of methane from oil and gas facilities are contributing to climate change.

conceded that relaxing the Obama-era rule for methane leaks at oil and gas sites would put another 380,000 tons of

methane into the atmosphere between 2019 and 2025. The amount is roughly equivalent to more than 30 million tons of carbon dioxide, another fossil-fuel emission that receives far more attention in efforts to slow climate change.

The EPA noted that overall increased pollution as a result of its proposal “may also degrade air quality and adversely affect health and welfare.” Relaxing federal oversight will save \$75 million in regulatory costs annually, the agency said.

Kathleen Sgamma, president of the Western Energy Alliance, a Colorado-based group that represents more than 300 companies, said the proposed changes make the EPA rule more efficient and workable. The previous rule was overly

burdensome and “full of red tape. This rule cleans that up, makes it more practical” for industry to comply, Sgamma said in an interview.

Environmentalists contend energy companies already have demonstrated they can comply with tougher monitoring and that only poorly operated companies were having trouble with the new requirements.

“Once again, the Trump administration is putting the interests of the worst-operated oil and gas companies ahead of the health and welfare of everyday Americans,” said Matt Watson, associate vice president at the Environmental Defense Fund.

Tuesday’s action opens a 60-day period for public comment ahead of any final decision by the Trump administration.