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BREAKING GROUND: Special guests write their names in concrete at a groundbreaking ceremony Tuesday at 30 Park Place in Manhattan's TriBeCa neighborhood. Silverstein Properties is building an 82-story tower that will include residential condominiums and a Four Seasons hotel.

◆ **NEW HAVEN**
Federal Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Against Gun Law

A federal judge has dismissed a gun industry group lawsuit challenging a wide-ranging firearms law passed by Connecticut in response to the shooting deaths of 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown.

U.S. District Judge Janet C. Hall ruled Monday that the Newtown-based National Shooting Sports Foundation Inc. doesn't have legal standing to challenge how the legislature and governor approved the law, which expanded a ban on assault weapons and prohibits large-capacity ammunition magazines.

The nonprofit foundation sued Gov. Dannel P. Malloy and legislative leaders, claiming the "emergency" legislation was approved in April without proper public input, without time for adequate review by lawmakers and without an explanation of why the

usual legislative process needed to be bypassed.

Officials of the foundation, which represents firearms makers and retailers as well as gun clubs and shooting ranges, are considering whether to appeal the ruling to the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan.

Citing legal precedent, the judge ruled that foundation members may have been harmed financially by the law, but there is no "logical nexus" between that harm and the lawsuit's allegations.

"Gun control legislation passed without the alleged procedural defects would result in identical injuries," Ms. Hall wrote.

The office of state Attorney General George Jepsen called the measures "entirely appropriate and lawful—both procedurally and substantively."

The bill stemmed from recommendations made by a legislative task force that reviewed the state's gun laws after the Dec. 14 school shooting.

Top leaders of the General

Assembly, both Democrats and Republicans, crafted a compromise bill behind closed doors and designated it as "emergency certified," which allowed them to bypass public hearings and committee votes. Mr. Malloy signed the measure.

Associated Press

◆ **ALBANY**
Corruption Panel Members Never Investigated Cuomo

A member of the New York state commission charged with rooting out public corruption said in a television interview that the panel never investigated Gov. Andrew Cuomo or Attorney General Eric Schneiderman.

Onondaga County Executive Joanne Mahoney, a Republican, told YNN's "Capital Tonight" that she wouldn't "pretend" the commissioners would investigate either Cuomo or Schneiderman, both Democrats who appointed the panel.

Mahoney said the commission

never discussed doing such probes. She declined to comment Tuesday.

Critics of Mr. Cuomo's 25-member commission called Ms. Mahoney's comment an extraordinary admission.

Mr. Cuomo formed the commission six months ago after the latest spate of federal corruption cases, all involving lawmakers.

On Monday he released the commission's preliminary report, which focused on legislative campaigns.

Legislators have claimed Mr. Cuomo created the panel to pressure lawmakers because the Legislature rejected his ethics proposals this year.

Mr. Schneiderman said he strongly disagrees with Ms. Mahoney's comment and said the commission is empowered to investigate all branches of government.

There was no immediate comment from Mr. Cuomo.

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