Fears prompt many to load up on guns, ammo

The sign on the booth of a white-tablecloth firearms
dealer at Saturday’s gun show in Ventura Legally
armed people line up to buy weapons at a high-demand.
So hundreds of people at the Ventura County Fair
grounds, many with hand-carts and cash on hand, transacted business in line times that extended
across the warehouse-like building and out the doors. 
When a few sold guns at the volume, many gun enthusiasts at the front of Mayer’s line said
the line would be a high-expectation.

By Carol Lawrence

"All local suppliers and dealers are slaming," said
Chuck Richards, who was standing in line to get into
the weekend show at 6:30 Saturday morning, an hour
earlier than usual. He expects some non-sales at the
shop in and around Ventura, Camarillo and Oxnard
in the past two months to final

Shooter’s Paradise manager Tom St., (right) instructs customer Bob Allardyce, of Oxnard, on how to use a gun safety
picker after clearing his 10-day waiting period.

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Law provides a look at college fundraising

How could local college foundations seize a portion of the benefits for the four-year college foundation and avoid within spending on the money that comes in.

Michael Gillidan, a single mother returning to Ventura College after bringing up her three kids.

By Jean Cowdron Moore

Mike Gillidan is a senior at Ventura College.

Photo by Alex Groves

F o r the first time, the public can look at the financial records of college foun-
dations keep, including contracts, grants, and other financial information. That new openness comes from new legislation requiring foundations for community colleges and California State University and University of California schools to open their books, although the law allows most donors to remain anonymous.

“This money was not on the books for students, parents, alumni, people in the community to look at,” said Brian Ferguson, spokesman for the California Postsecondary, which co-sponsored the legislation. “Given the rate of college budgets over the past few years and the need for transparency in higher education is warranted to see that it is being spent on students in the classroom.

The Star recently analyzed three years of private donations to foundations at Ventura, Oxnard and Moorpark colleges and at CSU Channel Islands. Those records reveal that the four foundations, which provide another source of funding for colleges, are very significantly in how much money they have, how they raise it and how they spend it.

Some key findings:

• Some foundations are much larger than others.
• Some foundations had more than $5 million of assets last fiscal year.

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