The **Ocean Institute** in Dana Point raised about $2.6 million at its 2006 Laguna Beach Home Raffle. The nonprofit provides resources and education on ocean preservation. The raffle offered a Laguna Beach condo or $1 million as the main prize. Other prizes included a 2006 Prius or $20,000; a New Zealand/Australia trip for two, or $10,000; a plasma TV, or $2,500; and other cash prizes.

**Soka University of America** in Aliso Viejo raised nearly $600,000 at its second annual Peace Gala. The money will fund student scholarships. About 500 people attended the event. The fundraiser featured Wayne Shorter, a Grammy-winning saxophonist, and jazz musician Herbie Hancock. The school is a private, nonprofit liberal arts college and graduate school founded upon Buddhist principles.