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2007 \$1 Million Laguna Beach Home Raffle Early Bird One Drawing Winners

DANA POINT, CA, September 4, 2007 – The Ocean Institute’s 2007 Laguna Beach Million Dollar Home Raffle held its first of four drawings that ends with the October 27th final and Grand Prize drawing for a Laguna Beach home or \$1 million in cash. The lucky winners of the first of the two Early Bird drawings were announced Saturday at the Ocean Institute, the non-profit beneficiary of the raffle. **Immanuel Abair** of Moreno Valley won the Early Bird One top cash prize of \$15,000 when his ticket was pulled from the raffle’s drum.

Other Early Bird 1 winners include: \$5000 – **Po Wong** of Helendale and three prizes of \$1000 each to **Dan Cooney**, Lakewood; **Danny Philips**, Round Rock, Texas; and **Derik Lewis**, Irvine.

The Early Bird winners will have their tickets placed back in the drum so that they and all others who have purchased tickets can still win one of the hundred remaining cash prizes. Cash prizes awarded during the 2007 Laguna Beach Million Dollar Home Raffle range from \$300 to the Grand Prize of \$1 million, or the Laguna Beach condo.

2nd Early Bird Deadline – The 2nd early bird deadline for the Ocean Institute’s 3rd annual 2007 Laguna Beach Million Dollar Home Raffle is **Wednesday, September 12**. Individuals who purchase tickets by this date will have the opportunity to win \$23,000 in additional cash prizes, and be automatically re-entered for the \$1 million Laguna Beach home or \$1 million in cash Grand Prize. The 2nd early bird drawing will be Saturday, September 22, noon at the Institute.

Tickets Selling at a Record-Breaking Pace – Tickets are \$150 each. A maximum 18,000 tickets will be sold; over 13,000 have been sold already. Tickets have been selling at a

record breaking pace, and are on schedule to sell out early. In addition to the grand prize, there will be over 100 cash prizes from \$300 to \$25,000 plus a bonus drawing for multiple ticket purchasers. The 1st prize for multiple ticket purchasers is a 2007 Lexus RX400h or \$20,000 in cash; 2nd prize is a 7-day Grand Cayman adventure, including 1st class airfare for two, staying in a five-star Hyatt Hotel or \$10,000; 3rd prize is a five-night Hawaiian vacation in a luxury suite at Halekulani Resort, airfare for two included, or \$3500; 4th prize is a 50-inch big screen plasma TV plus installation or \$2,500 cash.

And, a newly added prize is a Hilton Hotel 10-night tour of luxury hotels in Italy with airfare for two or \$12,000.

The Grand Prize drawing will be held Saturday, October 27, noon, at the Ocean Institute in Dana Point.

To purchase a ticket or for more information on the raffle, please call (949) 496-2274 or visit www.lagunabeachhomeraffle.com. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Ocean Institute. The 2007 Million Dollar Home Raffle is registered with the California Attorney General's Office.

For information about the Institute, please visit www.ocean-institute.org.

Founded in 1977, the Ocean Institute is a non-profit organization dedicated to ocean preservation through education, setting the standard for educational excellence and serving as a leading resource for universities, museums, teachers and all others seeking to increase their knowledge of the ocean. The Ocean Institute is open to the general public on weekends, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. Cost: \$6 adults, \$4 children (ages 4-12), Ocean Institute members free. Unique maritime and ocean-themed items are available in the Chambers Gallery everyday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Institute address: 24200 Dana Point Harbor Dr., Dana Point. Website: www.ocean-institute.org.

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