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Moraga pre-schooler Caroline Gustafson, 4, (center, pink coat) braves light rain and some stiff competition while hunting for eggs March 24 during the Moraga Juniors' Spring Egg Hunt at the Moraga Commons. Photo Andy Scheck

## March Rains to the Rescue?

By Andrea A. Firth

Rainfall across the region has been far below average this year, but the recent storms and torrential rains in March have brought some green color back to Lamorinda's hills. Yet, has there been sufficient rain to boost precipitation levels back to "normal," or even close? The *Lamorinda Weekly* checked in with our local rain trackers to see if the March rainfall was making a meaningful impact on the total precipita-

tion numbers for the year. "Definitely, we are behind 'normal' totals over this rain year," said Susan Watson of Orinda. "But, on the other hand, in this Mediterranean climate where the summers are dry, this is a valuable time to be having rain here, as it stays in the soil longer than if rain had been heavy in January and then quit. [Although] it is not so good in the mountains as far as stored water is concerned."

Lon Metzger of Moraga concurs that Lamorinda's rainfall for the year is way below average. "Even if we get average rainfall from now to the end of June (the current rain year runs from July 1, 2011, to June 30, 2012), we will not get to 20 inches and will end at about 65 percent of average." Still Lamorinda is doing much better than other parts of the Bay Area, noted Metzger. ... continued on page A12

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Quote of the Week:

"It's a doggone shame."

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## Mo Levich Wins Prestigious 'Jefferson Award'

By Cathy Tyson



Mo Levich at last year's Concert at the Res

Photo Eric Dausman

Businessman by day and musical force of nature by night, Maurice "Mo" Levich recently won the Jefferson Award for Public Service for his years of dedicated volunteer work.

Since 1998, Levich, who has a full-time job as CEO of Employerware in Lafayette, has directed the 31 members of The Big Band of Rossmore and is a founding member of the Generations in Jazz Foundation that promotes music education in schools. He's been an integral part of the Lafayette Summer Music Workshop since its inception over a dozen years ago. The accomplished trumpet player is also a long-time member of Lafayette Rotary and in 2007 was named "Business Person of the Year."

The Jefferson Award recognizes unsung local and national volunteers for their contributions to the community - it's the Nobel Prize for public service.

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Levich will be shown receiving his award during the 6 p.m. Channel 5, CBS newscast on March 28, and again on March 29 during the noon news program.

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