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The Easter Parade

Well, the 1993 "Grabfest"--more commonly known as the annual Easter egg hunt--is over and I have sad, but predictable, news to report: We did not find the golden egg. I say "we", of course, with full accountability and more than a little shame. The fact is that I've been looking for that gilded symbol of superiority ever since I was a kid and if I couldn't find it, well then, my kids were going to find it. Experience has taught me that what you have to do is show up at the park, or golf course, just a little bit early and casually walk around the egg-infested territory pretending to enjoy the morning, the birds, or the advent of Spring. You might hold your wife's hand or pose for a few pictures but all the while, your main focus should be on where the golden egg could possibly have been hidden this year. Last year that snotty little girl with those overbearing parents found it at the foot of the giant oak in between some obviously out of place rocks. They wouldn't try

that again. And forget about any place too close to the starting line. They wouldn't risk having the thundering herd of five and six year olds squash it just as the kiddie safari was underway. No, it's probably just past the tall grass underneath some flowers that will be trampled within the grabfest's first few minutes. My four year old son, Nick, and I might as well stomp them into oblivion before someone else does.

Okay. The first step is to get him up to the front of the line. Sure the Easter Bunny's just arrived, Mom, but he can see him later. Like they say in real estate--location, location, location. And when it comes to tracking down that prize of golden albumen, the same thing goes. If you're at the back of the line, you're nowhere. Bang! The gun goes off and here we go, Nick. Don't worry about those chocolate ones, or the big jelly beans. I'll buy you some later. We're looking for a big golden one that you can

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