"My biggest worry was getting the right prom date"

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Gadfly:

Wow, sharp comparison to my high school experience in 1987. We did all the same things I am hearing about today's students. We fought sometimes, cussed out an occasional teacher, cut class, and even sold some marijuana . . . on school property (pearl clutching!). Yet never once was I in fear for my life. As I have jokingly mentioned, my biggest worry was getting the right prom date. I'm not sure how today's environment is fostering learning — sounds more like surviving.

Michele