

Children in the News:

Friends recount tragedy: Boy, 15, is electrocuted scaling a transformer with his high-school pals.
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Dozens of studies have documented the heightened likelihood of sensation-seeking or risk-taking by adolescent males in groups. Hence this story is both tragic and predictable.

Nye and his four friends called themselves the *Fruit Heights Crew*. They were hiking the trail behind their homes when they saw a metal tower that loomed 50 feet into the air. One boy climbed the tower first. Nye and another boy followed. “We heard a loud pop and [saw] like a huge light—like a huge flash of fire and sparks—and he [Nye] just fell,” one of the boys said. The boys called 911 and began CPR, but neither they nor subsequent police and medical help were able to revive him.