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Five people killed in avalanche on Loveland Pass

One snowboarder survives massive slide

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An event benefiting the Colorado Avalanche Information Center turned deadly on Saturday when a massive snow slide along U.S. 6 near the summit of Loveland Pass

killed four experienced backcountry snowboarders and a skier. One man survived.

The victims were ski veterans, guides and industry professionals, and the event's organizer, Joseph Timlin, was among the dead.

The victims are Ryan Novack, 33, of Boulder; Christopher Peters, 32, of Lakewood; Rick Gaukel, 33, of Estes Park; Ian Lamphere, 36, of Crested Butte; and Timlin, 32, of Gypsum.

The survivor, Jeremy Boulay, works for

Silverton's Venture Snowboards.

He partly dug his way out of the avalanche and was later rescued by other event attendees.

The slide apparently was triggered by the six men about 1 p.m. as they made their way up a slope. The victims were participants in an event called the Rocky Mountain High Backcountry Gathering, which raises money to benefit the Avalanche Information Center.

"Apparently, they all had the proper

equipment on, the beacons, the shovels and the whole bit — so they were prepared," said Clear Creek Sheriff Don Krueger.

The Summit County Sheriff's Office and the Evergreen-based Alpine Rescue Team also were at the scene.

Krueger said the avalanche occurred above and outside the Loveland Ski Area near the Sheep Creek drainage. The avalanche

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"They were all ... experienced hikers, backcountry 'boarders and skiers."

—Frank Tadeo,
Alpine Rescue Team

SCOTT TOEPFER, right, of the Colorado Avalanche Information Center, measures the depth at the crown of the avalanche on Sunday. Saturday's slide killed four snowboarders and a skier on Loveland Pass.

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Overcoming hate *Holocaust survivor gives inspiring speech to Clear Creek students*

By DEB HURLEY BROBST
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A Holocaust survivor gave students at Clear Creek High/Middle School a first-hand lesson in tolerance and respect last Thursday when he related his experiences and what he learned from his ordeal.

Jack Adler, who lives in Lone Tree, was 10 when the Nazis marched into his home-

town of Pabianice, Poland, in 1939. He survived living in the Dachau and Auschwitz concentration camps, and took part in the four-day Death March that killed more than 6,000 people before the Americans liberated Auschwitz in 1945.

At that time, Adler was 16, weighed 65 pounds and had pneumonia. Everyone in his immediate family died. As an orphan, he was sent to Chicago, where he went to

school, served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, got married and had children.

He said that even though the Holocaust ended 68 years ago, the world hasn't learned much.

"I am a child survivor of the Holocaust," said Adler, 84, "and I am an eyewitness of man's inhumanity to man."

He has spoken to more than a million people around the world over the past 25

years with a simple message: Stop the hate.

"The 7 billion people on the planet belong to one race, the human race," he told the students. "We are temporary tenants on this planet. We must help each other, not hate each other."

Adler likes to speak to students because "you represent the future. Keeping this

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