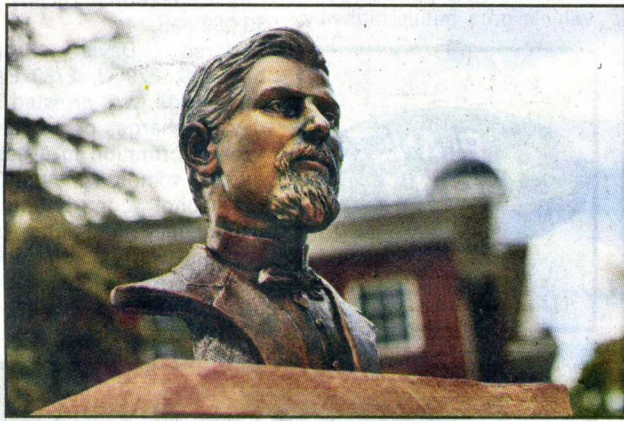


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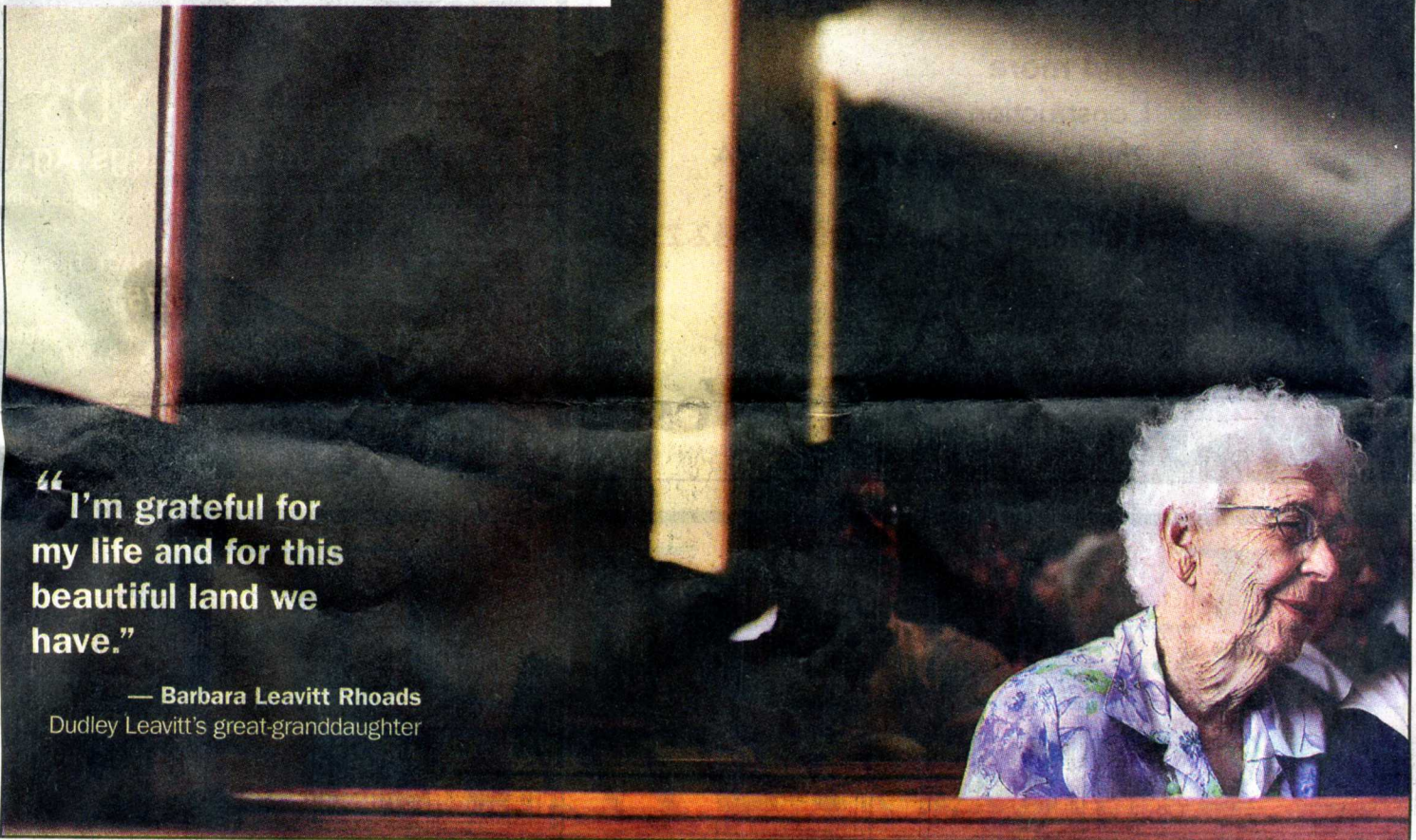
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Honoring the Leavitts

Ancestors helped settle Santa Clara



“I’m grateful for my life and for this beautiful land we have.”

— Barbara Leavitt Rhoads
Dudley Leavitt’s great-granddaughter

TOP: A bronze bust of Lemuel Sturtevant Leavitt was unveiled outside the Santa Clara City Offices along with six other Santa Clara pioneers on

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ST. GEORGE — Members of the Leavitt family filled the St. George Tabernacle of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on Saturday to honor seven ancestors who helped set-

tle Santa Clara.

Among the many Leavitts was Secretary of Health and Human Services, Michael O. Leavitt, who spoke at the event.

“It’s a privilege to be together as a family,” he said.

Preceded by loud claps of

Saturday. ABOVE: Harriet Leavitt listens to stories of her ancestors inside the St. George Tabernacle during a service honoring the pioneers.

thunder, the HHS Secretary said floods have been at the front of his mind.

With Category 4 Hurricane Gustav threatening the United States, Leavitt said he deployed 1,100 people in his department to help out.

He said he had been “deeply” involved in watching Hurricane Katrina and developing a response.

“When I was down there, I often thought of the flood of 1862,”

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