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*'Life where there used to be death'*



**PLANTING THE SEED**—Supporters of the Andrew W. Mathieson Center for Horticulture and Agricultural Sciences on the North Side broke ground for the facility Oct. 19. They are Bill Strickland, president of Manchester Bidwell Corp., U.S. Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., center, Manchester Bidwell Board Chairman William K. Lieberman, far right, and Pitt Chancellor Mark Nordenberg, second from left.

# Harbor Gardens groundbreaking

■ \$4 million  
greenhouse gives  
hope to poor

by Christian Morrow  
Courier Staff Writer

Thirty-three years after riots decimated Manchester, Bill Strickland told 300 people standing in a lot on Beaver Avenue it was time to celebrate hope during the groundbreaking for his Harbor Gardens Greenhouse.

"This site was the site of the 1968 riots," he said during the Oct. 19 ceremony. "I have photographs of armed

soldiers in jeeps sitting right here."

"So, to go from armed troops to orchids...to bring life where there used to be death, is remarkable."

Strickland, president and CEO of the Manchester Bidwell Corp., said the \$4 million, 40,000 square-foot greenhouse project is a continuation of Bidwell Training Center and the Manchester Craftsmen's Guild's mission of giving hope to poor people. Construction should be completed in 10 months.

"After Sept. 11, this country needs hope, perhaps now more than ever," he said. "If we can bring hope to this place, on this day, there's hope for all



PHOTO BY CHRISTIAN MORROW

**IN HONOR OF**—The new Harbor Gardens Greenhouse is named for the late Andrew W. Mathieson. Bill Strickland and Helen Mathieson display the new placard.

the world." Strickland also revealed the center will carry the name of one of his mentors and staunchest supporters of the last 30 years—the late Richard K. Mellon

Foundation executive Andrew W. Mathieson.

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