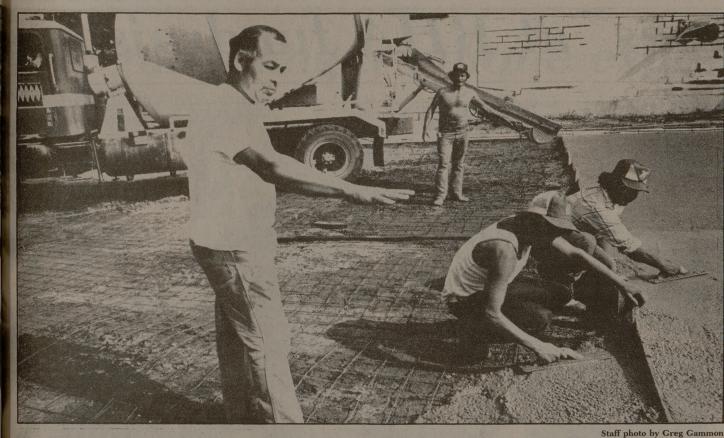
### Local



Al Gutierrez supervises the concrete pouring in the parking at University Drive and Stasney Street. Gutierrez has lot behind the restaurant he is remodeling from a tire store

announced his candidacy for state comptroller in 1982.

# **Tire store transformed** into Mexican eatery

### **By TIM FOARDE**

Battalion Reporter Tacos, beer, guacamole, and a place to park, all at Northgate. Impossible? Not after Al

Gutierrez opens his restaurant at University Drive and Stasney Street.

Gutierrez is remodeling what used to be an auto tire store with tile from Mexico, large arched windows and textured plaster walls. He is preparing to handle a crowd when the restaurant opens in early October. The building is located across the street from the north side of the Texas A&M campus.

The menu will feature tacos al carbon, a type of taco popular in southern Mexico.

Made from thin marinated steak and cut into small pieces, tacos al carbon are cooked over a charcoal fire and put into fresh flour or corn tortillas. Diners with solid stomachs can add onions,

tomatoes or hot sauce. The food will be prepared by Mexican cooks in an open kitchen with a picture window, allowing

customers to watch the tacos food. A lot of time and money has being made. Gutierrez said au-thentic Mexican food must be made by people who have lived in Mexico

Gutierrez said he expects most

of his business to come from Texas A&M students and faculty, but said his restaurant will be different from other Northgate establish-

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meal prepared.

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of a cement truck pouring con-"Most people working at the re-staurant will be from Mexico," Gutierrez said. "I don't believe you can get the magic of Mexican food unless you are Mexican. It's a crete into the 60-car parking lot, said he likes being involved in all aspects of his businesses. "It is easy to tell employees to very special touch.

go out and pour concrete. To real-ly appreciate what they do, prob-Because he expects a large ems they have and the conditions volume of business, Gutierrez is they work in, you have to step in offering fast food service. Customand work some yourself," Gutierers will place their orders and watch the tortillas made fresh, the rez said. meat cooked on the grills, the beans cooked a la charra and their

He interrupted his speech to haggle with a contractor over the price of laying concrete, then said financial responsibility and conservatism is second nature to busi-nessmen and should be the policy of state government.

been invested in remodeling, but food quality is our top priority.

Gutierrez, directing the spout

This philosophy of business and labor awareness has influenced There is no other place on the Northgate strip like ours," he said. "This won't be another beer joint Gutierrez's decision to run for Texas state comptroller next year, he said. His campaign headquar-ters will be in an office in his new or hole in the wall. "It will be a nice place for peo-ple to get good authentic Mexican" he said. H ters will be restaurant.

Present

# Merchant runs for state office

#### **By TIM FOARDE**

Battalion Reporter Al Gutierrez has announced he

vill run for Texas state comptrolernext year on a conservative Republican platform.

Gutierrez, who owns and oper-ates businesses in Bryan and Col-ege Station, said he will begin his ampaign in January

The state comptroller's office, e said, has been stifling the busiess community, ignorant of merchant's needs, inefficient and

careless in its spending. Gutierrez said the state budget as gone from \$16 to \$46 million ince state Comptroller Bob Bulock entered office. He said he lans to cut the budget in half.

"Many people working for the state comptroller's office will be aid off," he said. "We can't have nore and more government doing ess and less. That is not the

"There are bureaucrats with a igh school education making 30,000 a year, while some college rofessors make \$15,000 after 12 rears of schooling. Government mployees get paid more and do ess than comparable workers in he private sector. Something is wrong in our society when we

Lone Ranger, fighting the give-away systems of liberal Demoave this type of situation. "We have to cut out many of the bureaucrat positions and move these people back into the labor crats," he said. They have to get to work to paint an unpopular image of the orce. nstead of being a burden for ev-

innocent until proven guilty. A

businessman has to spend time

and money in court proving he has

met all the regulations and paid all his taxes. He is under constant

suspicion. "The amount of red tape and

paper work demanded is incredi-

for merchants to run their businesses. They have no idea what it takes to run a business.

this country. Hard work and peo-

ple with foresight within the free

enterprise system have made this

Gutierrez said he agrees with the conservative political ideas of President Ronald Reagan and

"I think Governor Clements is

doing great. He is almost like the

Texas Governor Bill Clements.

This must be changed.

country successful.

This makes it more difficult

'The government didn't make

people involved in running the government." Gutierrez said the details of his The state comptroller can help by giving businessmen more January when he registers for the by giving businessmen more understanding and making things November 1982 election. He said, along with budget easier for them to operate, he said. "The common criminal," Gutierrez said, "has more rights than the businessman when it

cuts, his platform will emphasize more efficient use of state re-venues through investment in banking systems, regardless of comes to the present state com-ptroller's attitude. A criminal is party affiliations.

Increased trade with Mexico is another aim of his platform, Gutierrez said. "Mexico has needs, we have the goods, but red tape and regulations have hin-

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By Dr. Stephenson

dered trade relations. We need to open the borders and trade with them.

eliminate wasted travel and take the business approach to things in general

Gutierrez said he can win the race for state comptroller in 1982 against Bob Bullock. "He has angered the business community so much, I don't think there is five percent of the business community who will vote for him. I don't think there will be any trouble beating him.

'We will cut down office space,

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The state comptroller's office, charge of collecting state reenues and enforcing tax regula-ions, needs someone with a busiss background to function without hindering the business cominity, Gutierrez said.

"If you have an administrative ad with common sense, who nows the business approach to hings — how to get everything he an out of a dollar, not spending noney on junkets, trips and care-ss spending — the department an run efficiently," he said.

"I don't think making more and ore rules, laws, regulations and red tape helps anything. All this does is stifle business."

Operators of small businesses employ over 60 percent of the nation's labor force, Gutierrez said. "We should have some of our own governor, Gutierrez said, saying he is doing a bad job, but he said this is expected of political foes. "The people don't think he is doing a bad job.

People opposing Clements try

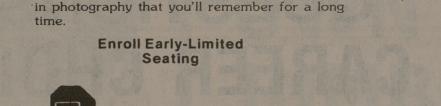
Gutierrez said he respects hon-est government officials with responsible approaches to government, more than party affiliation. He cited Democratic Rep. Phil Gramm as an example. "I think Phil Gramm is super

Party differences are not important. Personal integrity is what is important. We agree on many issues and he said he would support me in every way he could.

'We need sober, efficient, honest government in all levels," Gutierrez said. "I think a businessman that has been involved in commerce and has been successful can do the job better than a politician who does not know or care about the needs of the busi-



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