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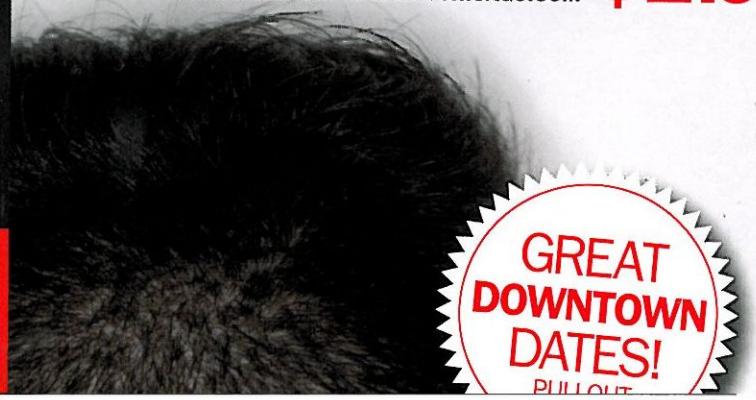

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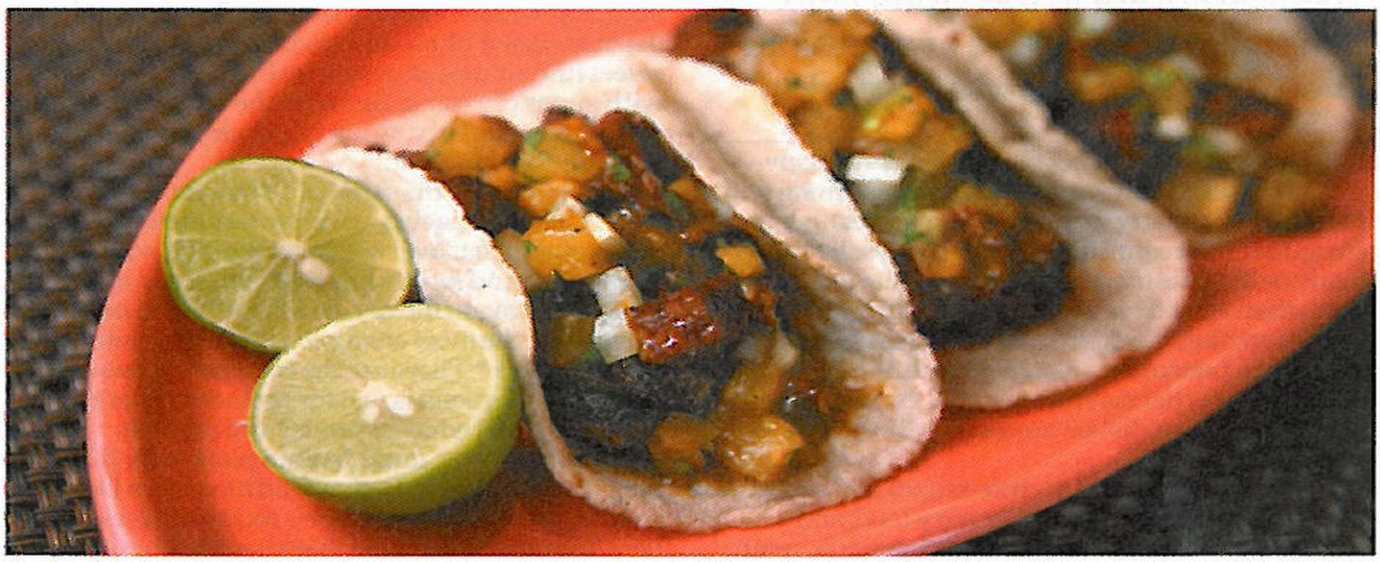
Opening Mercadito



Ask a New Yorker about one of the three outposts of Mercadito in their city, and you'll get an earful about the tacos. The *estilo baja* tacos (beer-battered mahi mahi), or the shrimp tacos, or the tacos *al pastor*. You may also hear a gripe or two about the restaurant's prices. But Chicagoans are no strangers to (nor do we lack the skills to appreciate) high-end Mexican food, which may be why chef Patricio Sandoval and his brothers picked Kinzie Street for their first foray outside of NYC. Besides tacos, chef Sandoval will serve grilled, adobo-marinated chicken; a slew of fresh ceviches; and lots of cocktails, designed by notorious cocktail consultants the Tippling Brothers. Of course, those drinks will only push your bill higher. But if they're good, you'll hardly even notice. *108 W Kinzie St, 312-329-9555.—DT*

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