

# FOOD & DRINK

## OUT OF THIS WORLD

The mezcal-based Spaceman Spiff (\$12) at The Sixth incorporates a rich smoke of cedar and citrus into the sensory experience.

**HOMECOMING** When **The Sixth**, a sleek 50-seat Lincoln Square lounge from the owners of (and located next to) Roots Handmade Pizza opened in late December, the bartenders liked to play a game where every time a customer commented on how the neighborhood so needed a place like this, they'd take a shot. They quickly put a stop to that, says Beverage Director Benjamin Schiller, so they wouldn't be "dead by 8PM." Being at capacity on most nights with plenty of patrons hailing from nearby is a problem Schiller is happy to have. As an area resident himself, he's not surprised The Sixth's progressive approach to cocktails, including ubercreative presentations (see above) and six different ice cubes crafted in-house (check out the multicolored and -flavored ones in the gin-focused Silly Rabbit, \$12) has taken off. But if a patron wants a hard-to-find spirit—an Old Grand-Dad Bourbon circa 1930s (\$150), anyone?—or a canned lager, The Sixth can accommodate those requests too. It is, after all, the neighborly thing to do. 2200 W. Lawrence Ave., 872.241.8666, [thesixthbar.com](http://thesixthbar.com) —Lisa Shames