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ONE OF THE FIRST THINGS Liz Prueitt wanted to make at San Francisco's Tartine Manufactory was an old-style ice cream pie like the ones she grew up eating at Carvel in Brooklyn. Drawing from the summery jams that she and her crew had just put up, she dreamed up this PB&J-inspired concoction for which even she'll admit "people kind of go nuts." Just ask my colleague Andrew Knowlton; I've never heard him so excited about a dessert besides, um, whiskey. I mean, you ought to check your pulse if you can't get behind a dessert that's packed with the fun of a sundae, the celebration of a birthday cake, and the nostalgia of childhood. As for Prueitt, she was like a kid in an ice cream parlor creating the pie, gently swirling Fior di Latte soft-serve and blueberry sorbet together in a peanut butter cookie-crumb crust. Let's just call it • out of this world.

-CHRISTINE MUHLKE