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## Ice cream gets even cooler

By Luci Yamamoto

**S**alted caramel or double ginger? Butter pecan or baby coconut? Tough calls face ice cream lovers enjoying an explosion of artisan creameries and gelaterias across the West. Handcrafted ice cream is frozen in tiny lots, often with in-season local fruit and nuts, fine organic chocolate, real vanilla beans, and uncommon flavorings (cardamom–orange peel, anyone?). “Our roasted banana contains actual bananas caramelized in brown sugar,” says Kris Hoogerhyde, co-owner and pastry chef of **BI-RITE CREAMERY & BAKE SHOP** in San Francisco’s Mission District [www.biritecreamy.com](http://www.biritecreamy.com).



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