

OUTDOOR ESSENTIALS

▼ **SHOES:** Grass and sidewalk cracks are no longer sworn enemies of stilettos thanks to Georgetown alumna Monica Ferguson Murphy and business partner Becca Brown's creation of the **SOLEMATES HIGH HEELER**. Flexible and discreet, these clear or black plastic additions prevent heels from sinking into oblivion. *SoleMates High Heeler (\$9.95 per pair); Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW, 202-471-4400; www.thesolemates.com.*



► **FOOD:** Plan the perfect date with a gourmet picnic packaged in a luxury basket, complete with Parmigiano Reggiano and Malvarosa cheese, salami, olives, artichoke, eggplant, and focaccia bread. **DEAN & DELUCA** picnic for two (\$475); *Dean & DeLuca, 3276 M Street NW, 202-342-2500, www.deananddeluca.com.*



► **BUGSPRAY:** Don't let pesky insects ruin your outdoor fun. **INSECTIMIST** offers custom-designed automatic misting systems to kill annoying mosquitoes and spiders with a non-toxic spray that is safe for both humans and pets. One-time special event sprays and bi-weekly sprays are also available. 1-888-NO.BUG.DC, www.mybugsolution.com.

