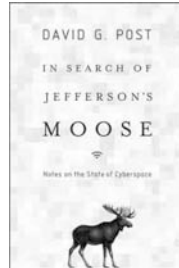
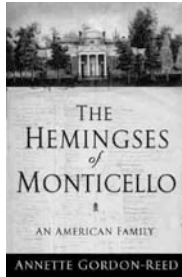
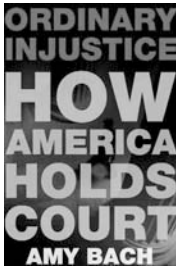




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THESE SHOES ARE MADE FOR ARGUIN'

Faithful reader Professor Robert Rains of the Penn State Dickinson School of Law sent us this photograph (snapped by Dickinson 3L Nolan Meeks) of a man in sneakers standing in front of the Supreme Court building in Washington, DC. We asked Rains for details. He passed our inquiry along to the man in the sneakers, James D. Leach of Rapid City, SD, who emailed the story to us.

Leach, it turns out, had just finished his February 22, 2010 argument for the respondent in *Astrue v. Ratliff*, No. 08-1322, and . . .