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Subject: that crazy lady downtown...

Hi Esther,
I saw the same crazy lady Nina Tovish spoke of during the last Council meeting. I have pictures and some video. I was with my pal Joey, standing on the corner by the Arras Hotel as some people began to gather behind us. I heard a girl's voice ask "Who is the lady with the swastika on her face?", I turned and looked down at her and said, "That's our mayor", and as I looked back towards Crazylady the girl said "That's Esther?". I turned back and said, "Yeah, and she's Jewish". Then I caught her mother's eye. It was my family court judge Susan Dotson-Smith. The person who has more control over my life than god. I said hi. She kinda nodded and took her daughter on down the road.

I crossed the street and took the pics and video, then told Joey that we were going to grab that sign so we went back to my truck, drove up to the dingalings and tried to grab the sign. The attempt was feeble, thoroughly unsuccessful, but fortunately uneventful.

We went back to Joey's house and met up with Sandra and the decision was made to go back. I was in favor of just nailing the sign with a loaded paint roller just to cover the swastika, but I was out numbered (no one ever listens to me) so we went to commandeer the sign but it was gone. The escapade turned out to be rather lame but we were ready to go to jail. I;m glad someone took care of it and I didn't spend the night in jail.

Three minutes during informal discussion doesn't afford a lot of time for pleasantries so I would describe your comment, just a few seconds out of days of conversation, to be a combination of not-thinking, wishful thinking, a healthy does of positive spin, and a splash of dinner-was-two-hours-ago-and-I-haven't-eaten-lunch yet. But, imagine the mayor of a German town dismissing its involvement in history. It's not a good look.

Of course the comment wasn't taken up by anyone but me (I'm disappointed in the rest of Council for not noticing), and the almost all-white press is as dependable as ever so you can roll cool on this. I think contrition is a more admirable action though.

Hope you get that knot out of your neck someday. Have you named it "Jonathan" yet?
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