

Always some excitement when you're in the bar business. A downtown La Crosse bar owner had to fight off a knife-wielding customer this week-end. Police say the owner caught Jose Vera-Mendoza in the bathroom snorting cocaine. The owner told Vera-Mendoza to hit the road. The two fought. The bar owner punched, Vera-Mendoza swung a knife. The owner got knicked on the hand and Vera-Mendoza left. Only to return the next night with a large group of young men, one of them with a gun in his waistband. Vera-Mendoza faces weapons and other charges. Cops are still looking for the guy with the gun.