

Like locusts, the storm chasers have descended upon La Crosse since last week's tornado. Out of town contractors setting up offices here and there, knocking on doors, sending out postcards with local numbers printed along with assurances that they're Better Business Bureau-approved. A city council member on the southside had just about enough of a guy from Big Lake, Minnesota, however. Mark Lemme with Aztec construction was making the rounds and irritating the neighbors looking for work. Called the cops on Lemme after finding out the guy didn't have local solicitor's permit. Lemme now owes a fine for about 160 bucks. Says he didn't know he needed a permit.