# Chipping away

### Two residents injured

As two Farmington residents found out the hard way Saturdry, austnining injuries after falling off ladders, it's just not worth it to attempt clearing anow and ice off rooftops and ritters.

"It's a great risk anybody takes to go up on a ladder during snowy conditions," and Farmington City Manager Frank Leubelf. "And it's an even greater risk to go up on roofs. We advise people to do neither. Call a roofing company if you have legiting, or leave it until ... the weather naturally takes care of it."

Lauhoff said he remembers minters with similarly heavy snowfall, but "I don't ever remember people up on the roofs. before like we do today. Maybe

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it's a fear factor, or the media."

At about 2:30 p.m. Saturday, in the 33900 block of Oakland, a 39-year-old man fell about two stories while shoveling snow from the roof. He was rushed to Botsford Hespital, suffering from severe head lacerations.

According to police reports, the victim fell on his face, landing on the walkway to the front porch. He was found "conscious and alort... but confused," and complained of pains to his neck and left arm.

The ladder he was standing on

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injuries and was sent to Bots-ford.

Lauhoff said the two men
were fortunate to escape without more-serious injuries.

"These injuries could have
been tragic for the couple we
head here," he said. "It's just
not worth the risk."

Even something as seemingly safe as knocking down
iccles can be risky, too. People
should make sure they stand on
the ground, and use a broom to
knock the icicles toward the

apparently broke, resulting in the fall.

the fall.

At about 5 p.m. Saturday, in the 22700 block of Power, a 33-year-old man fell off a ladder, where he was cleaning

or where he was cleaning out gutters.

A piece of the gutters broke off, knocking the ladder over and throwing the victim to the ground. He suffered back injuries and was sent to Bots-

Fix it: Frank Sullivan and Bob Hourigan of Jordan Builders patch a hole in the roof of Thayer-Rock Funeral Home. Ice and snow on the roof brought down gutters and light fixtures. Homeowners are encouraged to hire professionals to remove ice and enough from readures. snow from rooftops.

house, Lauhoff explained.

Besides potential for injury.

Rovin Gushman, director of residents can cause eignificant farmington's Department of damage to roofs by not leaving the job of removing anow and ice

from roofs to professionals, said have a problem, to contact a roof-ing company directly, or receive a referral from an insurance company, Gushman said.

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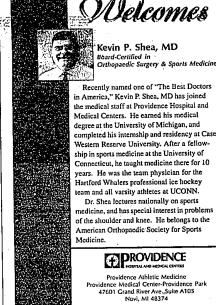
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