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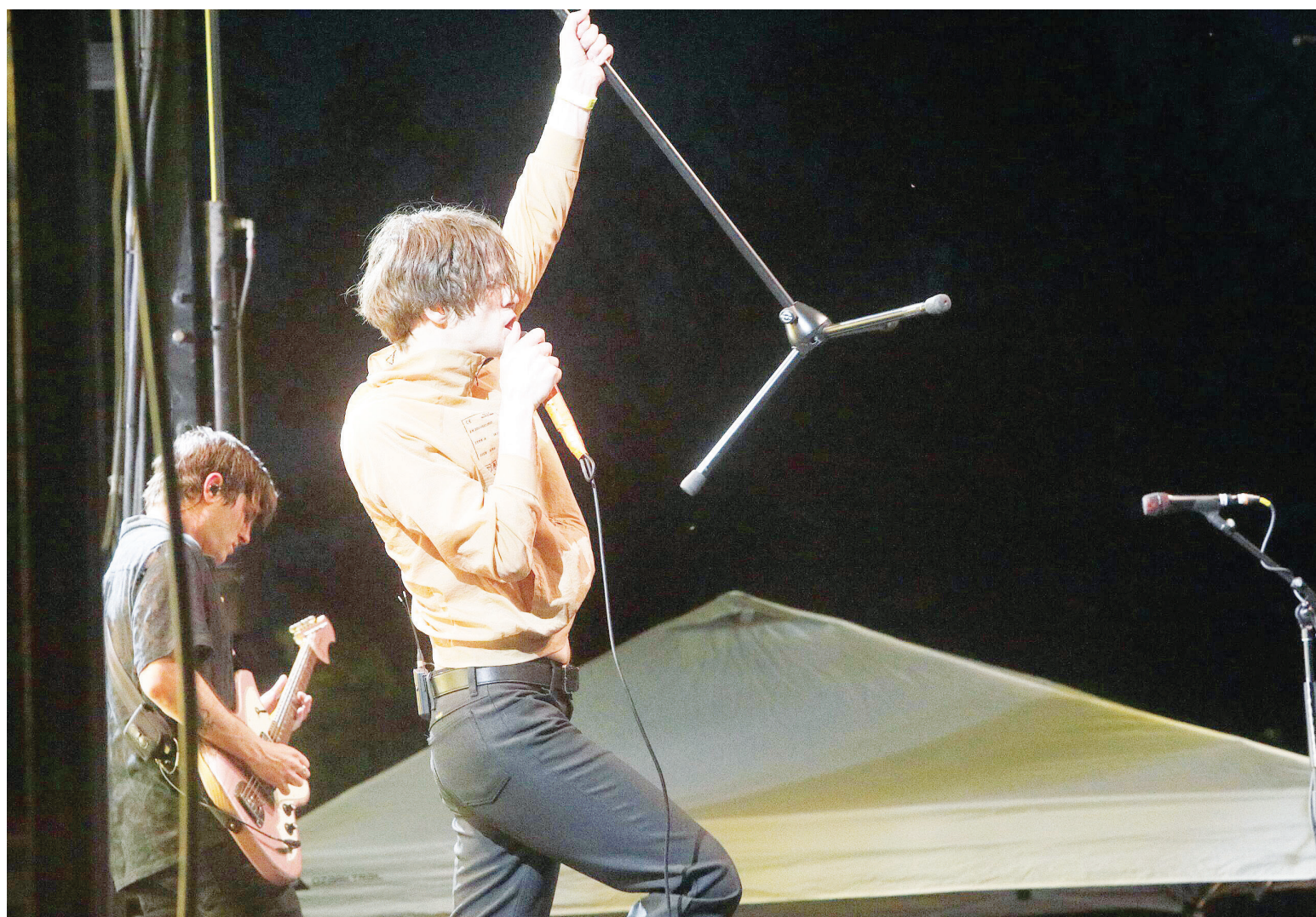
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ROOFTOP ROCKIN'



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Dallon Weekes of IDK How But They Found Me performs during the Rooftop Concert Series on Friday in Provo.

Rooftop Concert Series reboot jams out in Provo

BY JACOB NIELSON
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The Rooftop Concert Series returned to downtown Provo Friday night and was met with enthusiasm from hundreds of live music fans and community members who packed Center Street.

Starting at 7 p.m., the event included performances from three different bands, starting with Pinguin Mofex, followed by Sego and concluding with IDK How But They Found Me.

"Provo! We did it!" Rooftop said in a social media post. "At last night's reboot of the Rooftop Concert Series, Pinguin Mofex put the keys in the ignition, revved the engine and started things right up again. Like we never skipped a beat."

"Then Sego took the stage and took us all for a joy ride. The city sites and delights whizzing past our eyes. A swelling Doppler effect of electric guitar, bass, drums and synths in our ears."

"By the time IDK How But They Found Me



Fans sing along with IDK But They Found Me during the Rooftop Concert Series on Friday in Provo.

took the stage, we were in full Audubon mode. What a THRILL. With full trust in lead singer Dallon Weekes in the driver's seat, we all came

across the finish line at the end of the night with wide eyes and wind swept hair." Rooftop returns to Provo June 26.



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McFarland Family Farms in western Weber County is pictured on Sept. 26.

Cox issues emergency declaration over crops lost to weather

BY ALIXEL CABRERA
Utah News Dispatch

Utah Gov. Spencer Cox has declared a 30-day state of emergency in 10 counties to address crop losses caused by unseasonal freezing temperatures in April.

In an executive order signed Friday, the governor specified that freezing temperatures that occurred in early and mid-April caused a 95% to 100% loss of crop production of apricots, sweet and tart cherries, plums, peaches, pears and apples. Wheat and alfalfa producers have also experienced losses.

"Conditions this year have already deeply affected agricultural producers here in Utah," Cox said in a statement. "Due to an unexpected freeze in April following unseasonably warm conditions, many are facing devastating crop losses. This is the time in the season when emergency resources have the best chance to make a real difference in our farmers' ability to survive and recover."

The order gives affected farmers emergency access to resources from the United States Department of Agriculture and the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food for a month unless the state Legislature approves an extension. More information about that assistance will be released in coming days, a spokesperson for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food said. However, the declaration immediately unlocks an emergency disaster relief loan the state offers.

The counties included in the order

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Owl found stuck in a concrete mixer is on the mend and flying free

BY THOMAS PEIPERT
Associated Press

An adolescent owl that was found stuck in a concrete mixer in southwestern Utah is finally on the mend, flying free and maybe a bit wiser from the ordeal.

The great horned owl somehow made his way into the truck-mounted mixer in late October and was discovered by workers pouring concrete at a resort construction site. Lucky for him, a series of people gave a hoot about his predicament.

Workers hosed the bird down before it was wrapped in a towel. It took days for employees at the Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab to pick the concrete from the bird's face, chest and right wing, using forceps to carefully crack the dried debris and cleaning the feathers with toothbrushes and dish soap.

The owl started its long recovery at an aviary run by the organization, and employees anxiously waited for it to grow new feathers. But the bird didn't molt as predicted. In early May,

he underwent a procedure called imping, which uses adhesive to graft donor feathers onto existing shafts.

"The first few feathers were extremely nerve-wracking, but as we got into the groove, the imping became more comfortable, and everything went smoothly," said Bart Richwalski, a supervisor at the sanctuary.

Great horned owls typically have tufting on the edges of some of their feathers that allows them to fly quietly as they hunt. But the concrete frayed the rescued owl's feathers and caused it to make a whooshing sound while flying.

To prepare for the imping procedure, sanctuary staff examined the owl's feather patterns every few weeks and snipped damaged shafts in advance. The owl was anesthetized and the donor feathers from a similarly sized owl that had died were laid out nearby to replicate each wing.

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A great horned owl flies to freedom after surgery at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Kanab on May 1.

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