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New Age believers find home on political right



Psychic and entrepreneur Anita Dalton, owner of Sedona, Arizona's Center for the New Age, is among the Sedona hippies who are finding a new home on the American right. PHOTOS BY LAURA GERSONY/ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Sedona's hippies part of larger shift in U.S. politics, conservatism

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SEDONA, AZ – Three years ago, Shelley Evans submitted garbled documents to the Coconino County Recorder's Office, demanding \$12 million for violations of her constitutionally guaranteed rights, in a tactic experts on right-wing radicalization have called "paper terrorism."

Two years ago, officials sued her under a statute that punishes wrongful liens, leaving her on the hook for roughly \$55,000, a sum she would later report was roughly equal to her net assets.

She tried, in the wake of the verdict, to navigate the Chapter 11 bankruptcy

"I think a lot of alignments, and categorization, are just like: Where do I belong? Who am I? What the hell is happening?"

Aila Arya Anam
Vaccine skeptic

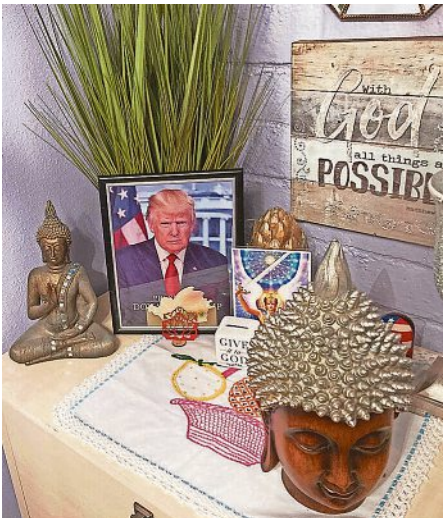
process without a lawyer. She failed.

At the end of a winding gravel road in Sedona, Arizona, Evans has repurposed a yoga studio into the headquarters of Ultimate Light Mission, a spiritual hub "where all paths converge in a unified vision."

The Sedona chapter of Children's Health Defense, the anti-vaccine group long chaired by Robert F. Kennedy Jr., meets there every few weeks.

A monthly informational session encourages people to put their money into decentralized cryptocurrency ledgers

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Many spiritualists' hostility toward policy and science experts, penchant for conspiracy, and appetite for personal "sovereignty" leave them with more in common with President Donald Trump than with other social movements.



Alan Levin, otherwise known by his radio personality as Brother Wease, is a member of the Rochester Music Hall of Fame and others. PROVIDED BY ROCHESTER MUSIC HALL OF FAME

Radio icon Brother Wease signs off

Popular host exits as station shifts format

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Brother Wease has hosted his final radio show, according to reports from several news outlets.

Wease, host of The Wease Show on WAIO-FM (95.1), an iHeartMedia station known as Radio 95.1, made the announcement on air on Thursday, Sept. 4.

Wease, whose real name is Alan Levin, started in radio in 1983 as an advertising salesman at Rochester classic rock station WCMF-FM (96.5). The Vietnam War combat veteran took over a late-night slot in 1984 and moved to mornings in 1985 as the host of "The Brother Wease Morning Circus," which became one of the most highly rated programs in the market.

He shared his life, including a cancer diagnosis and treatment, with listeners – and he shared the spotlight with a rotating cast of characters. A number of personalities who got their start on the show went on to become huge stars in other markets, including Greg "Opie" Hughes, BJ Shea and Stephanie Miller, who was known to Rochester listeners as "Sister Sleaze."

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U.S. hiring weakens as unemployment rate ticks up

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Hiring in the United States slowed further in August as President Donald Trump's aggressive trade, immigration and federal layoff policies took a growing toll on a rapidly softening labor market.

Employers added a disappointing 22,000 jobs and the unemployment rate rose from 4.2% to 4.3%, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Sept. 5.

Ahead of the report, economists surveyed by Bloomberg had estimated that 75,000 jobs were added in August.

While few businesses are laying off workers, hiring has fallen below the pre-pandemic average, making it tough for employees who lose jobs to find new positions.

In another worrisome sign, payroll gains for June and July were revised down by a total of 21,000 and now reveal the economy shed 13,000 jobs in June – the first job losses since the depths of the pandemic in December 2020.

"August's employment report confirmed that the labor market has headed off a cliff-edge," economist Bradley Saunders of Capital Economics wrote in a note to clients.

And over the longer term, Trump's policies likely will have a bigger impact on hiring, forecasters say.

Some industries did hire in August. Health care, a reliable jobs engine the past couple of years, again drove payroll gains with 31,000. Leisure and hospitality, which includes restaurants and bars, added 28,000.

However, professional and business services shed 17,000 jobs. Manufacturing, which has been buffeted by the tariffs, lost 12,000 and is down 78,000 jobs this year, defying Trump's claims of a

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Data on the U.S. economy suggests a wobbling job market due to heightened immigration enforcement and uncertainty from on-again, off-again tariffs. FREDERIC J. BROWN/AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES FILE

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