Desert business a reflection of lunar light

An Arizona inventor and his wife are drawing crowds to the desert and generating interest in lunar therapy, *The Arizona Republic* (azcentral.com) reported. Richard Chapin, former director of a traveling science museum, and his wife, Monica, have directed the moonlight project for four years, driven by a belief that lunar rays can improve health when magnified by mirrors, the newspaper said. Chapin's invention, which "resembles a drive-in movie screen covered with mirrors" and stands five stories tall, rotates 360 degrees to follow the moon. Its reflectors provide "a moonbeam double the brightness of direct sunshine," the paper said. Believers bask for two minutes. There is no charge, but donations are accepted.

No clinical experiments on lunar therapy for humans have been performed, the paper said. Mike Cagle, a team member responsible for directing the mirrors, has spent hundreds of hours in front of the reflectors. "If it's detrimental," he told the *Republic*, "I'll be the first one to grow a second head." *The Arizona Republic* and USA TODAY are owned by Gannett. — Monica Hortobagyi

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