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“Special Outings”

Good news for **Christo**: If his “Over the River” project fails to get approval, perhaps this would work instead:

Take possession of the Dotsero Bridge. Drape it with orange fabric panels, gum wrappers, your bathrobe collection, whatever.

The **Colorado Department of Transportation** wants to sell the Dotsero Bridge, which is located on the Interstate 70 frontage road, in western Eagle County, about five miles west of Gypsum.

“Any person or organization willing to relocate the structure may ‘adopt’ it, as plans are under way to replace it later this year,” sayeth the news release. “...The bridge is free to a good home, but the recipient will need to pay for the disassembly, relocation, and re-assembly of the bridge.”

The bridge is 150 feet long, 33 feet wide and 13 feet 2 inches high. It was built in 1935.

Christo — who apparently had success with the fabric-draping idea on his home planet — wants to suspend 5.9 miles of luminous fabric panels above the Arkansas River, between Salida and Cañon City, for two weeks in August 2015. Supporters and opponents have been duking it out as Christo seeks the needed permits.

Hey, maybe the new **History Colorado**

Center, which has a lot of space, would want this bridge.

Anyone interested in taking this bridge? Contact **Lisa Schoch** at 303-512-4258 or Lisa.schoch@dot.state.co.us. Then please stop by Street Talk World Headquarters to purchase a share of the Brooklyn Bridge.

Street Talk



Bruce Goldberg



Brian Doubleday (left) and Jim McConnell.

READY FOR YOUR CLOSEUP I: Is this idea ready to fly?

Greenworks Video thinks so, and is ready to franchise the concept: Use a green screen, mix in attractive backgrounds via digital technology, and help customers create a “quick, high-quality and affordable video for your website,” the LoDo company says. And make it convenient; President **Jim McConnell** says people can come in and shoot something even during their lunch hour.

“Instead of the old way of doing broadcast video production, we’ve designed this as a Kinko’s-style video place,” said McConnell, who started the company, located at 17th and Market streets, with producer **Brian Doubleday** and investor **John Lovell** in summer 2010. “Someone says, ‘We want to shoot a video. The CEO

wants to put it up on the website and deliver a message this afternoon.’ They email us a script, we load the teleprompter, the CEO walks in, we start filming.”

Gates Rubber Co., **Hunter Douglas**, **The IMA Financial Group** and **Blu Sky Restoration** are among **Greenworks Video** (greenworksvideo.com) customers.

The company also provides webcasts for businesses and organizations, and claims it can do so for far less cost than previous commercial production capabilities.

As for franchising, “The idea was once we build this prototype in Denver, we want to brand it as quickly as we can and put a **Greenworks** in every downtown in the top dozen or two dozen cities,” McConnell says.

READY FOR YOUR CLOSEUP II: The **Small Business Administration** invites small businesses to submit videos about how a SBA program or service has helped them.

The SBA will choose videos to appear at its National Small Business Week event; the week is celebrated May 20-26.

The entry deadline is 5 p.m. Friday, May 11; find info at smallbizvid.challenge.gov.

SPECIAL OUTINGS: You KNOW you’ve always wanted to dress up as one of the ghoulish “Thriller” characters. Or go target shooting with retired Navy Seals. Or take a horseback ride, followed by a campfire barbecue.

Kristi Orr offers these outings and more through **Sweetlife Adventures** (sweetlifeadventures.com) in Denver. Most of the events are meant just for

women, but “We like to say we let the boys come sometimes,” says Orr, 39.

Before she started having children (they’re now 9, 7 and 4), Orr worked as a change management consultant with Accenture, after years serving in the Peace Corps. But becoming a stay-at-home mom made her realize “how little time I was able to give to myself to continue developing who I am,” Orr says. “So I started doing that initially just for my buddies.” Two years ago, she figured the kids were getting old enough for her to launch the business.

Her catalog also includes school fundraisers, **Habitat for Humanity** giving days and corporate outings. To company owners, she says, “I would say that the importance of taking care of ourselves so that we can be our best allows us to give our best in what we do, at work, for our families and for our community.”

ALL ABOARD: Curious about the **Denver Union Station** redevelopment? The **Denver Union Station Project Authority** plans free guided tours on Thursdays, starting on May 10, and will run them on the second and fourth Thursdays each month through July. The one-hour tours will begin inside the Great Train Hall at the station, 1701 Wynkoop St.

The tour will cover the station’s history, famous travelers who came to Denver by train, the new Union Station neighborhood and more. To reserve a spot, visit denverunionstation.org.

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