Art, music, history, in one of Victoria’s hip alleys
Incoming BCom student Max Rowland’s first co-op gig is with the Land Trust Alliance of BC as the not-for-profit’s Community Outreach Officer. He let CSSI know about Art in the Alley, an event to raise funds for land preservation and profile for local artists and musicians. Art in the Alley is a by-donation event in Victoria’s Dragon Alley (532 ½ Fisgard Street) on Saturday, Aug 20 from 10-4.

African Countries to Ban Secondhand Clothing Imports
This article by Kelsey Halling of Thread describes pros, cons, and implications of a proposed ban on donations of used clothing to the East African Community.
- Will the ban really stimulate the textile industry in those countries?
- What will Americans do with the 70 pounds of clothing they ditch every year?
- What’s happening with fibre recycling and can it make a difference?

The Surprising Secret of Business Resilience
Professor Gregory Unruh of George Mason University writes that dependence, not independence is the key to a truly resilient business. He explains in the MIT Sloan Management Review, using a factory in flood-prone Indonesia as a case.

Going camping? These articles won’t help.
Matches or lighter fluid: which is better for the environment? in the New York Times raised more questions than it answered. It was interesting, though!
Match vs lighter: my candles are awaiting your response on the blog My Plastic-Free Life had lots of intriguing points too.

Lots of examples
Sustainable Brands always has cases, reports, videos, and more, from real-world businesses.

Nissan engineers gut gas consumption
The internal combustion engine has been continually improved for 100 years, and yet we see improvements with every new generation of engines. The latest, from Nissan, is the variable-compression engine that maxes power while minimizing fuel use. This article in Wired has a beautifully clear explanation of how the internal-combustion engine works as well as a description of the tech adaptation and why it’s a Good Thing.

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