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L/A... It's Happening Here!

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I've lived in Lewiston/ Auburn for basically my whole life, and honestly, I can't find many 'happening' things going on here. One thing I do know though, is that there is one thing in L/A that these cities grew off of. If the Androscoggin River was not here, Lewiston/ Auburn wouldn't be either.

I know, I know... you're probably thinking, "The Androscoggin? Are you kidding me?!" It's true, the river is pretty gross. But still, it has molded these towns into what they are today. I think that if more people realized that they would probably start respecting it more, instead of treating it like the city trashcan.

The river is a valuable part of our city's history. Settlers came to this area a long time ago to start new lives for their families. Mills were built and communities were created. People worked, ate and traveled via the Androscoggin. Downtown Lewiston was formed, and what is today known as Little Canada. Many of our French, Italian, and Irish grandparents worked at Bates Mill and Libby Mill, which both received power off of the Androscoggin River.

Another great thing about the Androscoggin is the Great Falls. It is a beautiful view for anyone who stops and takes time to enjoy it. There are benches up there that couples sit on to enjoy the cool breeze and each other. There are paths up there to hike that some people walk every morning. Often I have ventured to the top of the falls myself just to enjoy the peacefulness and recollect my life.

I'm sure you've heard of the face of a Native American in the rocks. It is no longer there, but if you get the chance to see pictures of it, it is surely quite a sight.

So what *is* happening in L/A?

Well... one thing is for certain. Though there may not be much in these twin cities, I know there is one thing that separates them and binds them all at the same time...

The Androscoggin River. And it is definitely happening.