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LA- It's Happening Here!

As I was growing up, my family and I traveled to Portland almost every weekend. Whether it was for a nice restaurant, the mall or an entertainment/sports event, Portland had everything that Lewiston and Auburn didn't have. However, through the years, the Lewiston-Auburn area has gained a ton of shops and restaurants of its own.

One of the fastest growing attractions in LA is most definitely the Lewiston Maineiacs hockey team. I still remember about ten years ago, when the Colissee was still the old ice rink and thought that the building was never going anywhere. Now here, in 2009, the Lewiston Maineiacs has been in the newly made Colissee for about 6 years and has been thriving with business. Selling out of seats and having a huge fan club, the Maineiacs have been one of the biggest turn-a-rounds this city has seen since possibly the Bates Mills. Personally, I believe that the Maineiacs are amazing and that they aren't going anywhere any time soon.

Another great "happening thing" in the LA area are the closely located new shopping plazas in Auburn. Within the past five years, there have been many different new shops opening, including the new Walmart Supercenter, Best Buy, Lowes, Kohls, and many more. Not only did we get our own stores, but we've also

got our own restaurants that aren't just another fast food drive-thru, places like Longhorns, Ruby Tuesdays, and TGI Fridays. As I had mentioned above, growing up I always had to wait to go to Portland if I wanted to buy something or to have a nice restaurant sit down meal, but now that the LA area is growing our family finds we rarely have travel to Portland anymore. L/A, it's happening here!!!!