## The view is as good as the bowling in Bay Area centers

I look out at the vast blue Pacific Ocean, the breakers coming in on shore as myri-ads of sea gulls soar overhead. Then I turn around to the



ed in the Bay area. Sea Bowl was voted as the bowling center with the best ocean view on the West Coast.

roll a strike.

This is the scenario at Sea Bowl in Pacifica, Calif.
It was only a short drive down the coast from San Francisco where I was visiting my son, Don, last weekend.
Sen Bowl is one of only a handful of bowling centers located in the Bay area.

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seniors — all having fun.

They had a nicely stocked Pro
Shop, not open at the time.

Even though West Coast rates are higher than locally, they offer a lot of specials, with special rates for league bowlers.

We also visited the Lanes at The Presidio, located on an old

Army base.
This 12-lane house called Presidio Bowling Center is on a historic site, no longer part of the

the downtown area.
It seemed odd to see people walking in and out with ice skates or bowling bags, not both. The transformation to non-

Army.

The bowling center was recently remodeled and overlooks San
nia.

The only other bowling, of sorts we experienced was the electronic kind, a really wild game played on a giant screen called 'HyperBowl,' in which the player rolls a giant bowling ball all through the streets of San Francisco, dodging around the cable cars, and finally coming up to a set of right to hope flowr.

to a set of pins to knock down.

If you have a chance to travel
to the San Francisco Bay area,
bring along your bowling gear.

## Dobson 7th in Forrest Wood Open; lands \$25,500 in prizes

Scott Dobson knows Lake St.
Clair, A regular on several local
bass fishing
tournament circuits and a local
fishing guide, he
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fish de 20-square
milo lake more
than twice.
Dobson, of
Waterford, parlayed that
knowledge into
his biggest payday yet by finishing swenth
last week in the
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last week in the
prestigious Wal-Mart FLW
\$200,000 Forrest Wood Open. He
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one right in front of Metro Beach while I was going in to the weigh-in."
Dobson said he caught most of his fish on a soft plastic jerk bait called a "Fluke" and a 6-foot-8 extra fast St. Croix casting rod.
Larry Nixon, of Beo Branch, Arkansas, won the tournament. He was tied for first after the first two days and wrapped up the title on the final day by bringing in the heaviest five-fish limit of the tournament, 18 pounds, 2 ounces.
"I was pretty happy with the finish. I'm not disappointed at all," Dobson said. "It was an awesome experience and they're coming back here next year, so hopefully I'll be back in it again."
Fly fishermen helping out

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Fly fishermen take note, here's a chance to provide direct assis-tance to children with special needs while enjoying your favorite pastime at the same

favorite pastime at the same time.
Created by fly shop owner and author Kelly Galloup and his wife Penny – who have a three-year-old son, McKenzie, who has autism – the McKenzie Foundation was established to raise money for direct assistance to the children of families in the fly-fishing industry.

In an effort to raise money for the foundation two fund-raisers are taking place.

are taking place.
Wildlife artist Richard Forrest
is donating all the proceeds of
the sale of a limited edition steelhead print to the founda-

In addition, the inaugural McKenzie Foundation Fly Fishing Tournament is scheduled for July 14 and 15 at Ranch Rudolph, on the Boardman River. All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the foundation.

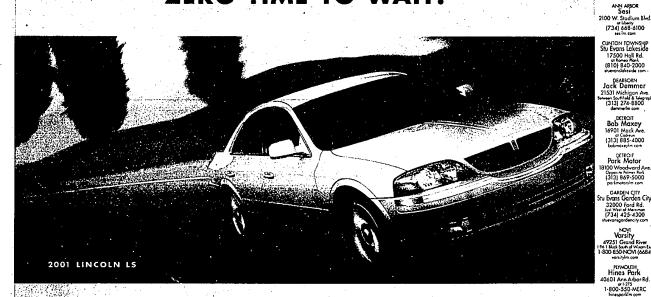
For more information about the print, the tournament or the McKenzie Foundation, call The Troutsman at (800) 308-7688 or visit the shop's Web site at www.troutsman.com.

(Bill Parker writes a weekly outdoor column for the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. Hunters and anglers are urged to report their success. Questions and comments are also encouraged. Send information to Bill Parker, c/a Outdoors, 805 E. Maple, Birmingham, MI 48009.)

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