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Major repairs were needed in Lido; Nickerson Beach's West Pool needed a new filter and new pumps, while the East Pool got new float valves and all new wiring.

In North Woodmere Park, the north pool received new filters and all of the pipes have been reinforced with new hardware, while the south pool got new pumps and all new wiring.

All county pools are open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily.

—SID CASSESE

ROOSEVELT

Student work to be displayed at beaches

Elementary school students in Roosevelt designed posters for a campaign to raise awareness about endangered bird habitats on Hempstead Town beaches.

Fourth- and fifth-graders from Washington Rose Elementary School entered their artwork in a contest decided by the New York Audubon Society. The winning posters have been made into signs and will be placed along dunes and other areas at Town of Hempstead beaches.

"Hurricane Sandy didn't just destroy homes, but also damaged habitats," Supervisor Kate Murray said Friday at the unveiling of the winners. "These birds rely on the beaches during the summer to nest. It is important to ensure that they are undisturbed so that they can nest, rest and refuel."

In fourth-grader Ethan Obisesan's poster, a bird chirps: "Help us increase our species!" In another winning drawing, by fourth-grader Anthony Bonilla, a bird with a thought bubble over his head thinks, "Don't trash our beach."

Migratory birds such as semipalmated sandpipers, red knots and sanderlings, and beach-nesting birds such as piping plovers, least terns and American oystercatchers, flock to New York and New Jersey's shores.

But they are not the only ones at the beach as millions of people travel to Long Island's coastline during the summer, said Erin Crotty, the executive director of Audubon New York. Many of the species have been declining in recent years due to human disturbance, predators and

protect this natural habitat and make certain that these birds have a nesting and resting place for many years to come," Murray said.

Audubon New York will provide educational programs and beach tours on two Sundays this summer. One took place yesterday, and the other will be July 7.

—CHRISTOPHER PEAK

CENTERPORT

Local filmmakers create museum video

A promotional video playing on the website of the Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum will give potential visitors a glimpse of what's in store.

A five-person company of young Long Island filmmakers created the video.

The look at the estate, mansion, museum and new state-of-the-art planetarium intertwines exterior and interior views of the Vanderbilt Mansion and Museum with an interview with director of curatorial affairs Stephanie Gress in which she talks about museum founder William K. Vanderbilt II and his world travels.

Also featured is footage from Vanderbilt's travels in 1931 and from the first Vanderbilt Cup Races, which he established on Long Island in the first decade of the 20th century.

"We wanted website visitors from everywhere to be able to get a visual taste of the Vanderbilt in a few minutes," said Lance Reinheimer, interim executive director. "This lively, well-made short film shows visitors a bit of our history and what we offer. We hope it entices them to come and explore this remarkable 43-acre estate."

The video also highlights the planetarium's sophisticated new technology and star-projection system. The planetarium reopened this spring after 20 months of construction on a state-of-the-art \$4 million renovation.

The video was produced by The Majors Productions, whose five partners — Nugent Cantileno, Carrie Ferrante, Robert LaRosa, Joshua Paige and Marc Riou — met when they attended film school at ITH Post

BABYLON TOWN

Free senior ID card program this week

The Town of Babylon is holding a free senior identification card program on Wednesday.

The program, sponsored by the town and state Sen. Charles J. Fuschillo Jr. (R-Merrick), will take place from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Tanner Park Senior Center in Copiague.

The program allows all seniors ages 60 and older who are Town of Babylon residents to obtain a free wallet-sized senior ID card. The card includes a photo and the senior's personal data, physician's contact information and emergency contact phone numbers.

Other information, such as the senior's allergies, medications and blood type, also can be printed on the cards.

For more information call Fuschillo's office at 516-882-0630 or the Town of Babylon at 631-957-4291.

—DENISE M. BONILLA

RIVERHEAD

Prom at aquarium goes swimmingly

Upon entering the Long Island Aquarium & Exhibition Center in Riverhead, the students walked into a dining area surrounded by fish tanks, a shallow pool of stingrays and a 120,000-gallon shark tank.

Blue tang curiously peeked out through the glass at the commotion as the teens mingled, snapped photos and danced to the DJ's playlist.

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Roosevelt Students Design Signs to Help Protect Local Endangered Birds

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Beachgoers at Lido Beach will see new signs in the sand to remind them of the small endangered birds with whom they share the shore.

A group of students from Roosevelt designed large colorful signs to educate the public about the endangered piping plover and sanderling that live on the dunes at Lido Beach. The signs are titled "Protect Nature," "Caution: Bird Nesting Area," and "Please Help Us."

Piping plovers are tiny sand-colored shorebirds with a black ring around their neck and a black band across their forehead. Sanderlings are slightly larger, white birds with darker feathers on their wings. Both birds are species of sandpipers, and both prefer to nest in sand and gravel.

The students were chosen from a round of poster proposals that were submitted to the Summer Sanctuary Poster Contest.

"They created beautiful posters that will raise awareness amongst our beachgoers about the very special habitats that we have here for endangered species like the piping plover, like the sanderling, all sorts of interesting bird that make the beach their home," Hempstead Town Supervisor Kate Murray told CBS News. "With the help of these young people, we'll raise awareness amongst our beachgoers not to go into certain areas."

Many of the piping plover nesting areas are roped off, but the open dunes are also home to the plovers and sanderlings.

Piping plovers and sanderlings have lost much of their habitat in coastal development, recreational activities on beaches, and disturbance from off-road vehicles.

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