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BEFORE THE HUNT: More than 200 artists designed the 2½-foot egg sculptures, seen above in Brooklyn Bridge Park, that will be hidden in all five boroughs from April 1 to April 17 as part of the Fabergé Big Egg Hunt. The sculptures will be auctioned off for charity after the event.

◆ BEDFORD-STUYVESANT Two Men Found Shot During Brooklyn Blaze

A man who was discovered in a burning Brooklyn apartment Sunday with a gunshot wound to his head died after he was rushed to the hospital, authorities said.

Police said Qasim Mitchell, 24 years old, was found inside his first-floor apartment in the three-story building and was taken to Woodhull Medical Center.

A second man was found in the courtyard of the building with a gunshot wound to his shoulder. Police said the man, 38 years old, was at Kings County Hospital in stable condition. They said he isn't believed to be the shooter.

Fire officials responded to the blaze at 885 Gates Ave. in the Bedford-Stuyvesant section of Brooklyn at about 4:20 p.m. and

early Sunday morning when he fell from a burning apartment building in Red Hook, Brooklyn, said a New York Fire Department spokesman.

The man, whose name wasn't released, was rushed to Lutheran Medical Center. A dozen other people, including two firefighters, suffered minor injuries.

The two firefighters and one other person were taken to University Hospital of Brooklyn at Long Island College Hospital, the spokesman said.

The two-alarm fire broke out on the fourth floor of a six-story building on Bush Street just after 6:30 a.m., said the Fire Department spokesman.

The flames were under control by 7:07 a.m.

The cause of the blaze is under investigation by fire marshals.

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flight patterns that will bring more planes than usual over communities in Jersey City, Bayonne and Staten Island.

But officials say any resulting community inconvenience may be tempered by the airlines' voluntary 25% reduction in scheduled flights over the construction period.

The work on Runway 4L-22R is due to start Tuesday.

It will keep the landing strip in a state-of-good-repair and add high-speed taxiways that will help reduce on-ground plane delays.

The work also will create more than 500 jobs and approximately \$152 million in regional economic activity.

The project also will include airfield electrical overhaul and feature energy-efficient LED lighting.

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around 12:45 a.m. Sunday. Officials say that building and the two adjacent structures were then evacuated as a precaution.

The affected residents have not been allowed back in their home because there is a potential for further collapse.

It was not clear Sunday afternoon how long it would take for crews to shore up the building's foundation.

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◆ BROOKFIELD, CONN. Officials Pay Tribute To Politician's Husband

Friends, family and state officials gathered at the funeral of Lou Reil, the husband of former Connecticut Gov. M. Jodi Reil, to celebrate his life and service to the U.S. and his community.

Mr. Reil died March 22 in