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LOTS OF PEOPLE LOVE NEW YORK'S CEN-

TRAL PARK, BUT FEW LOVE IT AS MUCH

AS MILLIONAIRE GEORGE DELACORTE.

OVER THE YEARS, THE 92-YEAR-OLD

PHILANTHROPIST PAID FOR THE PARK'S

OUTDOOR DELACORTE THEATRE, THE

ANIMATED DELACORTE CLOCK AT THE

PARK'S ZOO AND THE FAMOUS ALICE

IN WONDERLAND STATUE NEAR THE BOAT

POND.

WALKING THROUGH THE PARK ONE MOR-

NING LAST WEEK, DELACORTE AND HIS

WIFE VALERIE, 66, WERE MUGGED BY

KNIFE-WIELDING ATTACKERS WHO TOOK

$200 AND MRS. DELACORTE'S $5,500

MINK COAT -- BRUISING HIS FACE

AND NICKING HER HAND IN THE PRO-

CESS. DELACORTE SAYS THE ATTACK

WON'T ALTER HIS 60-YEAR-OLD CUS-

TOM OF WALKING DAILY THROUGH THE

PARK -- BUT HE \*WAS\* OFFENDED BY

HIS ASSAILANT'S LACK OF MANNERS.

"AFTER THEY TOOK MY MONEY THEY

COULD HAVE SAID, 'THANKS FOR

BUILDING THAT STATUE'," HE SAID.

"BUT THEY DIDN'T."

MANNERS.

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