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■ **Research:** Studies that criminals can be treated with vitamins intrigue pair. They've spent \$1 million on crusade.

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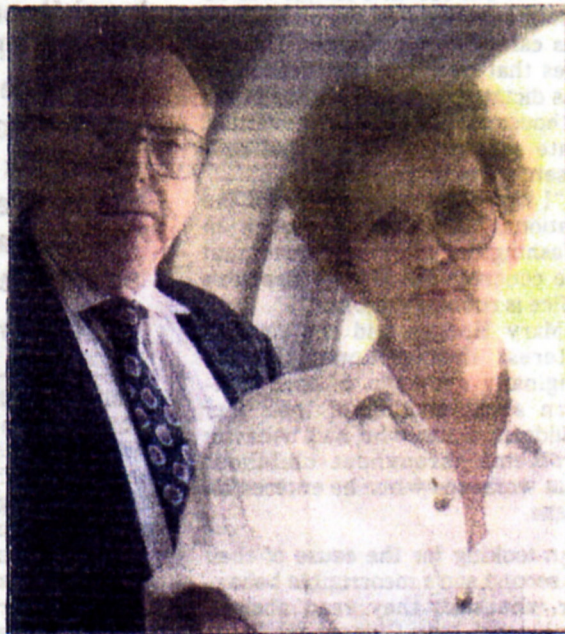
SAN CLEMENTE—When their eldest son was brutally beaten and robbed in the parking lot of a bar in 1987, Everett (Red) and Mary Hodges blamed a criminal justice system they believed could have cured the attacker before he struck.

The San Clemente couple said they are convinced that if the assailant, who was never caught, had been in jail before, medical science could have been used to diagnose and treat a chemical imbalance at the root of his violence.

"This guy could have been treated if the criminal justice system had gotten its act together," said Everett Hodges, 62, a semi-retired oilman and entrepreneur who, with his wife, has sunk \$1 million so far in a crusade to stamp out violence—not with prisons, but with vitamins and minerals.

After their son's attack in which he suffered a fractured skull, the couple decided, "by God, we are

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Everett and Mary Hodges' son was beaten in 1987.

