

Feazell should quit his retaliation against Waco police, community

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Spring Break comes, the students leave, but life in Waco goes on. And so continues the feud between the McLennan County district attorney and anyone else who is not in his camp of supporters.

On March 6, the Waco Tribune-Herald carried an article about his latest attack on the criminal justice system. This time the people suffering the brunt of his tantrum are the special prosecutors appointed to handle the drug stings from the Waco Police Department.

The special prosecutors became necessary so that Feazell's office could handle the backlog of cases that had piled up. Now he says they're being paid too much.

The Waco City Council thankfully doesn't agree because these attorneys have high conviction rates on the cases they have handled.

The amount of money paid to special prosecutors is not out of line. In fact, it is well worth the cost of putting drug dealers behind bars.

Who will be the next person he tries to bring down? It probably won't be an actual criminal. The citizens of McLennan County will be forced to listen to his

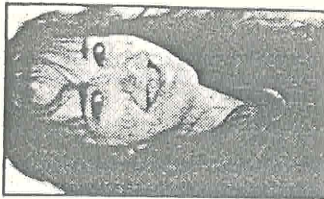
During his trial in Austin, he called himself the sacrificial lamb and said that because Jesus Christ would forgive Judas for his betrayal, then of course he would forgive those who had betrayed him.

Those keeping up with local happenings will remember that Feazell also has charged members of the police department with trying to get a county jail inmate to plant drugs in Feazell's car. And don't forget the battle that is sure to wage on for years to come — Feazell's libel suit against Belo Broadcasting and Waco Police Chief Larry Scott.

The time has come for Feazell to drop his vendetta and spend his time putting criminals behind bars.

Perhaps Ralph Strother, one of the Waco attorneys under the most recent attack, is right and Vic Feazell really is a "little tin god."

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trumped up accusations while Feazell laughs at their gullibility.

After watching Feazell's antics firsthand for five weeks in Austin last summer where he was acquitted of the federal bribery charges against him, I have become bored by this continual barrage on anyone who is not in his camp.

Feazell has said all charges brought against him are the result of retaliation on the part of the Texas Rangers after a McLennan County grand jury investigation when Henry Lee Lucas recanted scores of murder confessions.