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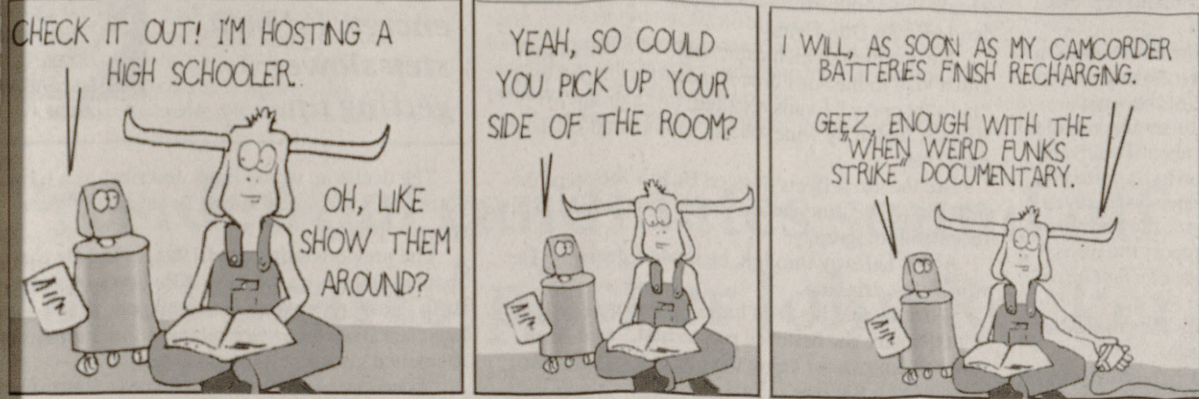
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Promoter moves party from Galveston

GALVESTON (AP) — Upset with the current plans for Galveston's annual Beach Party Weekend, a former promoter has decided to put on a different kind of party — and in a different coastal Texas city.

Kappa Beach Party Inc. has applied for a permit for a Zydeco and Cajun music festival on the north end of the Corpus Christi Beach, Dan Whitworth, assistant director of Corpus Christi's parks and recreation department, said.

Kappa Beach Party co-owner Kevin Sesay announced last week that the pro-

moting company would organize events in Corpus Christi because it had been excluded from this year's Beach Party Weekend in Galveston, according to the Galveston County Daily News.

Galveston officials handed over the event's promotion to another group, KappaFest 2000, in exchange for \$375,000, more than enough money to cover the city's cost of providing security and traffic control, the newspaper reported.

The Galveston event has grown over the last 15 years from an annual gathering of black fraternity members called

Kappa Weekend. Last year's party drew an estimated 140,000 visitors, mostly black college students, and spurred officials to estimate crowds of 200,000-plus in coming years.

Growing apprehension from some residents about the event led Mayor Roger "Bo" Quiroga last year to suggest the opposition was racially rooted.

"I've seen both the Beach Party and Mardi Gras, and there is no difference but the color of the skin," Quiroga was quoted as saying. "Racism in this country is alive and well."

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