Kaplan Pair Tries To Save Cajun, Fulfill Dream With Comic Strip

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KAPLAN — Bec Doux is one of the last of a vanishing species of Cajuns.

The people he typifies are either old and feeble or no longer around. But many remember and love the Bec Douxes of Acadiana.

He’s an authentic Cajun — dialect vocabulary, humor, simplicity and all. And he is glorified in a cartoon billed “the world’s only Cajun comic strip.”

Earl Comeaux and Ken Meaux of Kaplan capriciously created “Bec Doux et Ses Amis” ten years ago to fulfill Meaux’s dream of becoming a cartoonist.

The artistic talent behind the comic strip is 38-year-old Meaux, while Comeaux contributes his knowledge of Cajun culture and language. They both contribute ideas.

The pair lives about two blocks apart, and Comeaux once taught his cohort French in high school. That was before he became an assistant principal, a principal then a supervisor.