Yes you are right, but RA was and still is a total conversion modifaction. BHS endevours to make game fixes like VIS errors and glitches, and they try to do it server side.
They did include some server side game modifactions like the new crates, but this I think was largely due to the fact the vloktboky released his scripts publically before moving on to source.

The modifications you are talking about can be made. Not all of them server side, but some of them.

What i think would be cool would be a few more additions to the crates...

I think it would be cool to have a 2-3 minute invincible shield. This deffinately can be done. If you look at the unfinished death match scripts you can see that when someone spawns they have a blue thing around them, this lasts for 3 seconds and is mean't to be used to avoid spawn killers ruining the game, however it could be used for a crate...

I really really don't think they are taking requests now tho...