

Suspect Held in Child Kidnap And Molesting

19-year-old Westminster man charged

From a staff writer

An 8-year-old child playing outside in Westminster with a friend was grabbed by a man who took her to another location where he allegedly molested her.

That took place on March 21, 2026 and two days later an arrest of a suspect has been made.

According to Commander Andy Stowers of the WPD, Antony Gonzales, a Westminster resident, 19, is facing multiple charges in connection with the in-

cident.

He was arrested and charged for:

- kidnapping;
- kidnapping with intent to commit a sexual act
- lewd or lascivious acts with a minor
- lewd or lascivious acts with a minor by means of force, fear or duress;
- annoying or molesting a child under 18.

The incident took place near the 13500 block of Edwards Street, near Trask Avenue and north of Finley Elementary School. After being grabbed and dragged to another location, the girl was able to break free and run home.

Following an investigation, a suspect was identi-

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‘OUTSIDERS’ WERE OUTSTANDING



Students at La Quinta High School in Westminster recently staged a production of “The Outsiders,” the stage version of Francis Ford Coppola’s movie about high school kids on the fringe of society. The movie was based on the 1967 novel by S.E. Hinton. La Quinta is part of the Garden Grove Unified School District (GGUSD photo).

Fireworks ordinance gets tweaked

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

■ STANTON CITY COUNCIL

What appeared to be a minor revision to the city’s fireworks ordinance turned out to be somewhat controversial, but was finally approved on a 3-2 vote by the Stanton City

Council.

Stanton has implemented one of the most aggressive programs to curb the use of illegal fireworks (usually airborne rockets) passing a social host ordinance

making property owners – or anyone in control of property – responsible for the discharge of unlawful pyrotechnics.

Before the council was a revision of the ordinance with a “gradual fine increase based on the

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Tennis, badminton clear the nets

By Jim Tortolano
Orange County Tribune

■ STANTON CITY COUNCIL

Racquet-swingers, rejoice!

At Tuesday’s meeting of the Stanton City Council, two actions were taken which will offer better athletic options for those

who play tennis and badminton.

The council voted to accept a \$20,000 grant from the United States Tennis Association for resurfacing of three tennis courts

at Stanton Central Park. The funds come from the USTA’s Tennis Venue Services.

The park is located at 10660 Western Ave., just south of Katella Ave.

Also on Tuesday night, the council approved a

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Fireworks

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amount of dangerous fireworks at issue and clarifies that a fine is based on each discharge of a firework."

For example, any person held responsible for violating the ordinance up to 10 times in a year could be fined up to \$2,500. From 11 to 20 times would be faced with a \$5,000 fine and 21 and over a sum of \$10,000.

In the discussion that followed, city staff reported that efforts were made to educate the public about the fireworks law and the social host liability. The cost of a citywide direct mail campaign would be put at about \$15,000, if implemented.

"I find it inconceivable," said Mayor David Shawver, that it would be necessary to notify the public about such a law. "Everyone knows that [unlawful] fireworks are illegal in Stanton," he said. He proposed adding to the revised ordinance an amendment warning that violations could be referred to the county district attorney for possible criminal prosecution.

But the majority wanted to stick with the original proposal, and a motion to that effect was approved with Shawver and Victor Barrios opposed.

Tennis, badminton

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resolution clearing the way for development of a badminton facility. The resolution backed by the council approved a subdivision parcel map calling for the consolidation of six lots into one parcel at 10662 Court Ave.

In addition to the badminton courts there will be a parking lot and other site improvements. The vote was 5-0.

Kidnapping arrest

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fied, arrested without incident on Monday and booked into Orange County Jail.

The investigation is continuing and anyone with additional information is asked to contact Detective Barnes at (714) 548-3784 or the WPD watch commander at (714) 548-3767.

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News & Views

Dogs (and some cats): our most valuable critters

If you have fur in your carpet, clothing, car floorboards and sofa, you are part of one of America's fastest growing clubs. If you spend more on grooming your four-legged permanent house guest than you do on your own grooming, you are in the majority.

If you love your dog or cat more than you do some of your relatives ... well, let's not go there ...

According to Forbes magazine, there is now a boom in pet ownership in the United States. Sixty-six percent of U.S. homes (that's 86.9 million households) "own" a pet. That's up from 56.1 percent in 1988. Dogs are more popular than cats; Fido is in 65.1 million households, while Garfield lives in 46.5 million homes.

What's the reason for this uptick in critters with ticks, fleas and muddy paws? They're expensive, pushy, trip-hazards. I don't know why we don't just get them jobs pulling shopping carts in the Target parking lot (there appears to be a need to have that task done).

The reason why, of course, is that they've curled up in a warm place in our hearts.

Shadow, our incumbent dog – eighth in a series – is gladder to see us than almost any bipeds. He alerts us to any danger, including little girls roller-skating down the street.

Dogs are environmentalists; uneaten food rarely goes to waste and they even help us control our weight by begging (or stealing) part of our meals.

If you're single, nothing



Retorts
Jim Tortolano

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FIREFIGHTERS battle a blaze at an auto shop in Westminster on Saturday morning (OCFA photo).

Auto repair shop hit by fire in Westminster

In the pre-dawn hours of Saturday, a fire broke out at an automotive repair shop on Moran Street in Westminster, creating a "significant blaze."

According to the Orange County Fire Authority, which provides fire and paramedic services to Westminster as well as Garden Grove and Stanton, mul-

multiple units were dispatched to the industrial strip center.

Crews were able to make "quick work" of the fire, and prevented it from damaging any of the numerous other businesses in the center.

No injuries were reported and the cause of the fire is under investigation.

College graduates to be honored by GG council

Garden Grove residents graduating from a college or university this year are invited to submit their information for the annual Garden Grove College Graduates' Reception this summer.

Graduates who attend will be entered into opportunity drawings for cash prizes. The deadline to submit information online for the free event is Monday, May 18 at www.ggcity.org/grads.

Hosted by the Garden Grove City Council, the private event recognizes residents for their achievement in higher education. Graduates will receive local, state, and federal certificates

of recognition, City giveaways, and the chance to win cash prizes provided by event sponsors. The event is made possible through the generous support of sponsors. To view sponsorship levels or complete a sponsorship form, visit www.ggcity.org/grads.

Photos from previous receptions can be viewed on the City's Facebook page @GardenGroveCityHall or by searching #GardenGroveGrads on Instagram.

For more information, contact the Office of Community Relations at communityrelations@ggcity.org or (714) 741-5280.

36 years in state prison for pimping and home invasion

A man convicted of a home invasion, human trafficking and other offenses in Fullerton has been sentenced to 36 years in state prison.

According to the Los Angeles County District Attorney, Kyle Bradley, 36, of Cerritos was convicted in November 2025 of two felony counts of robbery, two felony counts of false imprisonment and one felony count of criminal conspiracy related to a home invasion in Fullerton.

He was later convicted in January 2026 on one count of pimping, one felony count of pandering and one felony count of human trafficking.

Bradley was sentenced on Feb. 26, 2026.

The home invasion robbery took place in Dec. 31, 2023 on Somerset Lane in Fullerton.

The victims, an elderly couple, were ordered to the ground and tied up. The suspects took jewels and cash totaling \$30,000.

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History Minute

The year of three mayors in GG

When Garden Grove Mayor Jonathan Cannon resigned in 1987 to take a judgeship, the remaining councilmembers couldn't decide who should be the new mayor.

That led to a special election that year narrowly won by former mayor J. Tilman Williams (1977-78).

But when that shortened term concluded in 1988, voters chose another person to be mayor, Walt Donovan, who served from 1988-92, and was in turn succeeded by Frank Kessler (1992-94).

NewsUpdate

1,000 More Soldiers to Mideast?

Soldiers from 82nd Airborne would be sent

Despite public suggestions that negotiations are underway for a resolution of the U.S.-Iran conflict, around 1,000 more U.S. troops will be sent to the Mideast soon.

The Associated Press is reporting that soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division will soon be their way, based on sources close to the Pentagon.

As many as 2,500 Marines are reported on their way to the area. According to sources, included in the 82nd's commitment would be a battalion from the 1st Brigade Combat team, with its commander and division staff. Soldiers of the 82nd are trained



82nd AIRBORNE paratroopers in Afghanistan in 2024 (U.S. Army photo).

to parachute into "hostile or contested territory."

Both military actions by the

U.S. are believed to come in response to the closure of the Hormuz Strait – a key oil

shipping route – by Iran, which is driving up gasoline and other petroleum prices.

What does it mean to 'arrive' at the border of the U.S.?

The question of what "arrives" means could be key to whether asylum-seekers can be turned away at the U.S. border is reportedly a central point before the Supreme Court.

According to The New York Times, at issue is whether existing federal law, which allows a "non-citizen" who is physically present in the "United States" or "arrives in the United States" can apply for asylum.

The issue becomes whether "arrives" means approaches the border, or crosses the border into the U.S.

Under President Barack Obama, a migrant would have to cross the border to be eligible to apply for asylum. President Donald Trump wants to revive that definition and stop asylum seekers at the border, typically referring to crossers from Mexico.

Weather: A summer-y spring

Conditions in our West Orange County these spring days continue to feel a little summer-like. On Wednesday, the daytime high is forecast to hit 81 with an overnight low of 57 with mostly sunny skies. Thursday will be slightly warmer at 83 (57) and also mostly sunny. Friday is expected to be mostly cloudy with temps of 83 (59). The weekend begins with a high of 87 and a low of 60 and mostly cloudy skies.

Moon base is proposed by NASA by the end of 2028

A permanent base on the moon, along with regular flights there, was proposed on Tuesday by NASA Administrator Jared Issacman.

United Press International is reporting that \$30 billion will be needed to construct the facility on the lunar surface.

Once the base is built and the trips to the moon begin with the Artemis V missions, flights will carry astronauts there each six months.

The time line, Issacman said, is to return to the moon before the end of President [Donald] Trump's term, build a moon base, establish an enduring presence, and do the other things needed to ensure American leadership in space."

Great Thoughts

"Rain is grace; rain is the sky descending to the earth; without rain, there would be no life."

– John Updike

"Let the rain kiss you. Let the rain beat upon your head with silver liquid drops. Let the rain sing you a lullaby."

– Langston Hughes

"Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain."

– Vivian Greene.

Arts & Living

'Project Hail Mary' Fun, Awe-Inspiring

Ryan Gosling carries this film and a tough role

By Lindsey Bahr
AP Film Writer

It's been a minute since we've had a big screen space epic that's as fun as it is awe inspiring. The last memorable one might have been "The Martian," so perhaps it shouldn't be all that surprising that the drought is ending with another Andy Weir story adapted by Drew Goddard.

"Project Hail Mary," directed by Phil Lord and Chris Miller, is the kind of spectacular cinematic adventure that we've been missing: A clever, sincere, most-ages crowd-pleaser that's full of life, energy and a love of science, quirky T-shirts and "Interstellar." It's the kind of movie Disney really should be making, but, in this case, we have Amazon MGM to thank. And it will probably just get better with age and repeat viewings.

Ryan Gosling is put to the ultimate movie star test as the only person on the screen for a large part of the picture. It begins with his character, Ryland Grace, waking up from an extended sleep in a spaceship. His long hair and bushy beard suggest he's been sleeping for quite some time (his highlights may tell a different story, but maybe I should repeat to myself it's just a show and really just relax). Even worse, he's alone and he has no idea how he got there or who he is.

The movie's not out to annoy you with wheel-spinning: There are soon flashbacks and an alien friend added to the mix as he starts to piece together a picture of who he was on Earth ("Am I smart?" he wonders out loud) and try to complete his apparent mission to save the sun.

Except there's the small matter that Grace is pretty sure he's not



RYAN GOSLING stars in the sci-fi film "Project Hail Mary" (Amazon Pictures).

Movie Review

a hero. On Earth, he was a middle school science teacher.

When his students ask about the strange dots that have appeared outside the Earth's atmosphere that seem to be causing the sun to die, he assures them that the world's top minds are figuring it out. Against all movie logic when it comes to the extraordinary nobody, he's not excited to discover that he might be their only hope.

Some government types have found an old paper he wrote while getting his doctorate, an idea that made him the laughing-stock of the scientific community. He tries to tell them at every step of the way that they've got the wrong guy for the job. "I ride a bike to work ... and it's not for exercise," he tells Sandra Hüller's project manager Eva Stratt. But he's scrappy and keeps working the problem.

"Project Hail Mary" does make you wonder whether a guy who looks like Ryan Gosling could disappear into the backdrop of

his own life the way Grace has. But really what's the point of that thought exercise? It doesn't require too much suspension of disbelief to get invested in the journey of someone who essentially has to learn to believe in himself.

And it doesn't hurt when it also comes with an improbably cute alien sidekick who we'll come to know as Rocky. He's voiced by James Ortiz and is kind of like a golden retriever crossed with a genius architect. They soon become the best of friends,

Good ★ ★ ★

which can only mean one thing: You're probably going to cry at some point.

While Grace and Rocky are the main show, Hüller is a particular standout as the dry, practical head of the operation. Gosling already spoiled her big, irresistible karaoke moment in his "Saturday Night Live" monologue, but I suspect it'll still be a highlight.

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Go, Daddy, go to the Amp

The swing music of the 1940s and 1950s found a modern expression with the Big Bad Voodoo Daddies in the 1990's. Famous for hits like 'Mr. Pin-stripe Suit,' the band will be on stage at the Garden Amp in the Village Green park in downtown Garden Grove on Saturday, March 28.



TheSportsPages

Sometimes, it's all in how you say it, Luka

As in all offenses outside the social norms, the rule of thumb is, "Don't get caught." At a game last Saturday – won by the Lakers 105-104 – our Luka Doncic and Goga Bitadze of the Orlando Magic engaged in a bit of over-the-top trash-talking that got them both technical fouls.

What was especially noteworthy was that it was Doncic's 16th "T" of the season, an impressive total to be sure.

Apparently these two scholars had been chirping all night and the refs – after giving both a warning to knock it off ... didn't.

The exchange supposedly went something like this: "Bleep your whole family," said Goga. "Bleep your whole family," replied Luka. Now, I'm not sure which words were used, exactly, but they were certainly examples of a lack of professionalism.

But, uh, maybe not in the way you think.

The history of sports is filled with athletes who could get away with offenses without consequences.

Players with well-known short tempers are often chivvied into throwing a punch after receiving a slightly-over-the-top shove, but only in a situation in which the ref sees the punch and not the shove.

There was a catcher (we will name no names here) who made an art out of saying – just loud enough for the batter to hear, but not the ump – some vile pejorative about the batter's wife or other female relative.

If done right, that would lead to either a strikeout or an ejection.

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Sports Retorts

Jim Tortolano

Mariners Should Sail

M's predicted 1st in AL West; Angels in last

By Stephen N. Hawkins
AP Baseball Writer

Cal Raleigh and the Seattle Mariners switched things up in the American League West last season, and got as close as they ever have to making a World Series.

After winning their first division title since 2001, the Mariners are looking to do it again this year with slugging switch-hitting catcher Raleigh, 25-year-old three-time All-Star center fielder Julio Rodriguez, an All-Star closer and the only rotation in the majors with three 10-win starters back from last season.

Houston's incredible run of eight consecutive playoff appearances ended last year. The Astros won seven AL West crowns in that streak, went to the AL Championship Series seven years in a row, won four pennants and twice were World Series champions.

The Athletics, who have made more long-term commitments to young regulars, begin their second season in a temporary home in West Sacramento, California, with one more expected before their scheduled move to Las Vegas in 2028.



CAL RALEIGH hit 60 home runs for the Mariners in 2025, who are the favorites to win the American League West in 2026, and maybe the World Series, too (Wikpedia)

In what could be baseball's tightest division, new managers will be in the dugouts for 2023 World Series champion Texas and the Los Angeles Angels, who haven't had a winning season since 2015.

How they project

1) Seattle Mariners. The Mariners led 3-1 with one out in the seventh inning of Game 7 in the ALCS at Toronto be-

fore George Springer's three-run homer. Raleigh was the AL MVP runner-up last season after hitting 60 homers, the most ever for catchers and switch-hitters. Rodriguez, the AL Rookie of the year in 2022, had his second 30-30 season (32 homers, 30 stolen bases). Seattle, with five winning seasons in a row, also has a stable of capable right-handers,

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Ducks defeat Canucks, Kings outshot

It was a split decision for Los Angeles-Orange County ice hockey fans on Tuesday night. The Anaheim Ducks defeated the Vancouver Canucks 5-3, but the Los Angeles Kings fell 3-2 in a shootout to the Calgary Flames, both on the road.

The Ducks got two goals from Mikael Granlund, while John Carlson contributed two assists. Lukas Dostal had 27 saves on 30 shots-on-goal.

NHL and NBA

With the win, the Ducks are 40-27-4, good for 84 points and first place in the NHL Pacific Division, five points ahead of the Edmonton Oilers (36-28-9, 79 points). In Western Conference play, Anaheim is in fourth place, with the Colorado Avalanche in first and having clinched a playoff spot.

Next up for the Ducks is a game

Thursday at Calgary.

For the Kings, Quinton Byfield scored twice, but the home team had the last word on Yugar Sharangovich's goal in the fourth round of the shootout.

The Kings are 27-5-18, worth 74 points. That puts them in fourth place in the NHL Pacific Division and ninth place in the Western Conference.

They will next be in action on Thursday in Vancouver.

Predicting AL West: M's in first, Angels last

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including closer Andrés Muñoz (38 saves), All-Star starter Bryan Woo (15-7), as well as Luis Castillo (11-8), George Kirby (10-8), Logan Gilbert (6-6) and Bryce Miller (4-6).

2) Houston Astros. Ace left-hander Framber Valdez, their opening day starter the past four seasons, left in free agency but the Astros rotation got a boost with the signing of 27-year-old Japanese star Tatsuya Imai. Hunter Brown, also 27, is poised to move into the top spot after going 12-9 with a 2.43 ERA.

Houston hopes for a full season from slugger Yordan Alvarez after injuries limited him to 48 games, ending a streak of four consecutive 30-homer seasons. They also return third baseman Carlos Correa after the three-time All-Star rejoined the Astros last summer in a blockbuster trade.

He may have to return to shortstop early in the season after Jeremy Peña fractured the tip of his

right ring finger in an exhibition game with the Dominican Republic before the WBC.

3) Texas Rangers. New manager Skip Schumaker takes over a Rangers team that has missed the playoffs in both seasons since their only World Series championship. They are coming off the first .500 record (81-81) in the franchise's 65 seasons, when for the first time their pitching staff led the majors in ERA (3.47). Texas also set a single-season MLB record with a .99112 fielding percentage.

Nathan Eovaldi (11-3), who had a 1.73 ERA in 22 starts, and two-time Cy Young Award winner Jacob deGrom (12-8), the AL Comeback Player of the Year, are joined in the rotation by All-Star lefty MacKenzie Gore, who was acquired from Washington for five prospects. Their other big moves were getting outfielder Brandon Nimmo from the New York Mets in exchange for Marcus Semien, and signing free-agent catcher Danny Jansen.



MIKE TROUT hits one out for Angels (File photo).

league rookie to hit four homers in a game.

Oakland finished 76-86 and was 13-10 in September. Veterans such as catcher Shea Langeliers and outfielder-designated hitter Brent Rooker, who signed a \$60 million, five-year contract in January 2025, also will be relied upon to play key roles. They signed outfielder Tyler Soderstrom, their 24-year-old outfielder, to a team-record \$86 million, seven-year contract, and 23-year-old shortstop Jacob Wilson got \$70 million for seven years this offseason.

Outfielder Lawrence Butler got a \$65.5 million, seven-year deal last year.

"It's really exciting to know when we go to Vegas that we have guys that we're going to be super familiar with and some of my best friends I've made for life," Kurtz said.

5) Los Angeles Angels. The Halos hope to take steps toward ending their MLB-worst stretch-

4) Athletics. Some momentum for the A's to end last season has led to optimism, especially with reigning AL Rookie of the Year Nick Kurtz leading the way. Kurtz batted .290 with 36 home runs and 86 RBIs in 117 games. In July, he became the first major

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es of 11 straight non-playoff seasons and 10 consecutive losing seasons under inexperienced new manager Kurt Suzuki, but they're trying to do it with a roster that's cheaper and riskier than last season. GM Perry Minasian, whose job could finally be on the line, took fliers on the likes of Grayson Rodriguez, Alek Manoah and Drew Pomeranz to bolster the pitching staff, while light-hitting outfielder Josh Lowe was his biggest position-player addition. At least Angels fans can enjoy healthy three-time AL MVP Mike Trout (for now) and another year of excellence from shortstop Zach Neto, who seems ready to jump into stardom.

New managers

Schumaker was the NL Manager of the Year in his managerial debut, with Miami in 2023. After leaving the Marlins at the end of 2024, he spent last season as a senior advisor for the Rangers and was named their manager four days after the departure of 70-year-old Bruce Bochy, who was baseball's winningest active manager.

Suzuki wrapped up a 16-season playing career in 2022, and the former catcher was a special

assistant for the Angels the past three seasons. He is a first-time manager on a one-year contract, and their fifth full-time manager in eight seasons since Mike Scioscia's departure.

AP Baseball Writer Janie McCauley and AP Sports Writers Greg Beacham, Andrew Destin and Kristie Rieken contributed to this report.

'Project Hail Mary' is fun

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"The Bear's" Lionel Boyce also lights up every scene he's in as a private security/bodyguard type.

Lord and Miller haven't directed a live action movie in some time, whether or not you count the 'Solo' Star Wars debacle, and it's nice to have them back and teaming with a cinematographer with a keen grasp of scale and visual effects like Greig Fraser.

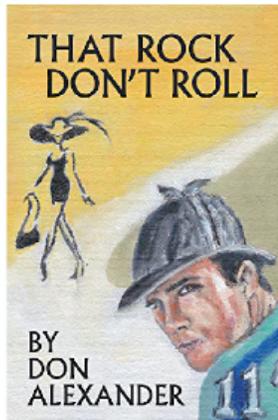
As in Lord and Miller's animated movies, their tone and pace remain singular. "Project Hail Mary" might blow past a two-hour runtime and yet there's

rarely a dull moment with all the problem-solving, earnest irreverence and unabashed commitment to imbuing life and wit into every molecule of the story. Daniel Pemberton's unusual, buoyant score and Joel Negrón's sharp editing are key.

So many filmmakers feel the need to overwhelm their intergalactic spectacles with pathos to match the cosmos. It's kind of refreshing that "Project Hail Mary" doesn't have a dead wife or kid weighing down our protagonist — just an alien friend and all of life on Earth.

Some serious fun

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A 36-year prison sentence

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In an unrelated case, on Dec. 15 2023, a Fullerton resident called the FPD to report that his adult daughter was missing, and expressed fear that she had been forced into prostitution against her will.

Police investigation into the forced prostitution and traffick-

ing case uncovered evidence connecting Bradley and three other suspects to the home invasion robbery, according to authorities.

In May 2025, Fullerton police detectives took Bradley and two other suspects into custody for the home invasion robbery.

Retorts: Reigning cats and dogs

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stamps you more as a caring, sensitive person than walking your goofy dog in the park. A remarkable number of weddings have had their roots in such encounters (ever see "101 Dalmatians"?).

On cold nights, you don't have to turn up the heat (and heating costs) because a dog will join you, snuggling up and plant his flag over about 65 percent of the bed.

And — perhaps most importantly — dogs (and some cats) are unlicensed mental health counselors. Feeling blue? Hug a black flat-coated retriever. Need some fresh air? Dogs are always ready for a walk.

Feeling unappreciated? No one is ever as glad (or at least, as demonstrative) to see you as a dog. They may knock you down in the process, but you'll always feel better.

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So Luka, buddy, next time, just smile and say, "*Ta mere porte des bottes de l'armee.*" (Your mother wears army boots). Even insults sound nice in French, d'accord?