

CAR DEALERS LOSE DODGY DALEY TAG

FORGET Arthur Daley – car dealers are now seen as friendly, reliable and honest, according to motorists. And drivers prefer a Honda dealership above any other, ratings revealed. The Japanese brand topped the best car dealers category in the Auto Express Driver Power survey. The firm was followed by Lexus, Peugeot, Subaru and

by MARK SOLOMONS Kia. Dealers were rated for friendliness, after-service, showrooms and deals, as well as communication, courtesy and workmanship. They have come a long way from the dodgy image of Daley – played by George Cole – in TV series Minder. Auto Express reported: “There’s a lot of positivity from owners in our survey.”



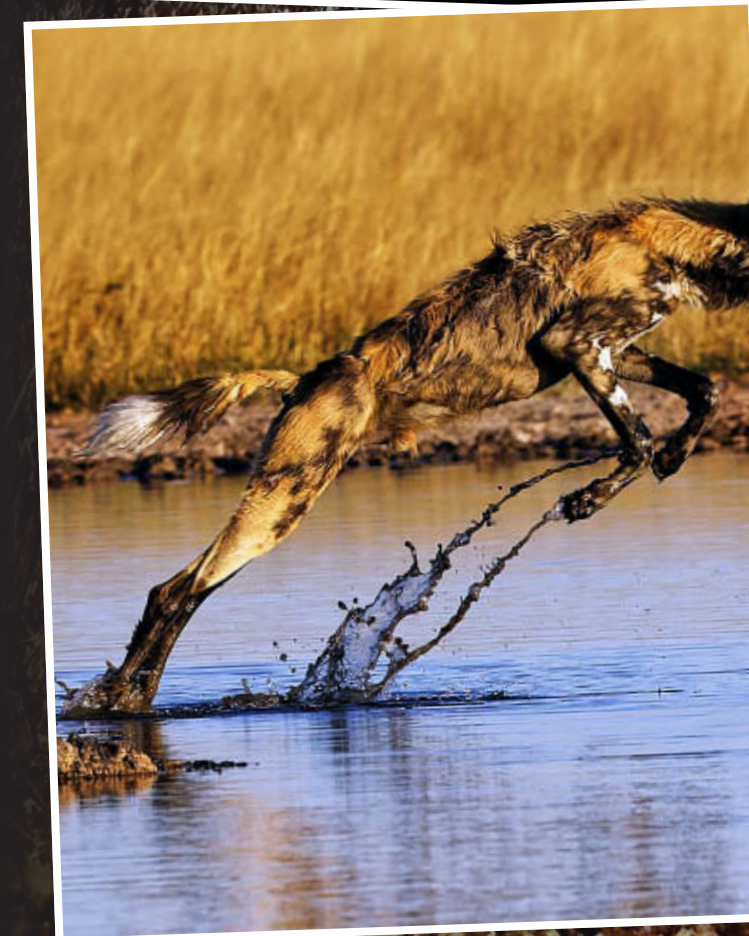
IN PAST: Arthur

No belts for 24% deaths

NEARLY a quarter (24%) of people killed in crashes while travelling in cars had no seatbelt on. Official data shows 28% of male fatalities were not wearing a seatbelt, compared with 16% of females.

£3k to bag Ronnie art

RONNIE Wood is flogging his art for £3,000 – despite being worth £164million. The rocker, 75, is selling a print of “Rolling Stones through the Ages” – a montage painting of his band on their 60th anniversary.



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It's the drippy drippy shake

★ A DRIPPING wet polar bear shakes itself dry – sending water droplets spraying everywhere. The snap, taken by Darren McTee from the US, was one of more than 1,000 entries in the Water, Water Everywhere photo competition.

★ It won joint top prize with an emerging hippo, shot by Matt Pretorius of South Africa. A shark swimming in the Bahamas, taken by Lukas Walter of Switzerland, and a wild dog leaping from water, taken by Emile Wessels from South Africa, came highly commended in the Pangolin.Africa charity contest.



BIG CHANGES: Washer

Future is ultra clean

HOUSEHOLDS will be ultrasonically blasting their clothes clean by 2050. Futurologist Dr James Bellini also predicts households are likely to be using drones to fill their fridges from outside. And 15% of adults believe self-stocking smart fridges will be the most useful piece of tech in decades to come. Other predictions include kitchens that will operate almost entirely without water – using ultrasonic waves to power dishwashers and washing machines fitted with high-tech beads to pulverise dirt. Dr Bellini, who is working with recycling platform Reward4Waste, which ran the research, said: “Technology can help. “We’ve got to tackle things like how we produce our food, store it, transport it and package it. “Another area of concern is water. From about 2030 onwards, I think the future here could be a little off the wall.”

STAR
“FATHER’S milk” and “mammary gland” could be used as gender-inclusive terms for breastmilk and breasts, said the Academy of Breast-feeding Medicine.
BURST

Degree of fraud rockets

OXFORD is on the trail of more cheating students in the Covid lockdowns. Freedom of Information requests reveal that in 2018-19, the last academic year before the pandemic, the university carried out 35 investigations. That almost doubled to 68 in 2019-20 and rose 13% to 77 in 2020-21. Across five years, 2017-2022, there was a total of 266 investigations. A university spokesperson said: “In the 2021-22 academic year, the majority of exams took place in person. “The figures represent a very small fraction of the 55,000 exams sat.”

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