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2007/08 menswear collection.



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Slimmer pets

It may not be dog-eat-dog but it's definitely dog-eat-something. There's an obesity crisis gripping the nation's pooches, with about 40 per cent of Australian dogs either overweight or obese. There are some fat cats around, too – 33 per cent of them, according to the research by pet food manufacturer Hill's. Dr Karen Johnston, the company's veterinary affairs manager, says it's a major medical problem. "Our study shows [our pets] just won't live as long." Hill's will launch its 2007 Pet Slimmer of the Year Competition this month. Owners can register their pets at one of 600 vet clinics. For details, phone 1800 679 932.

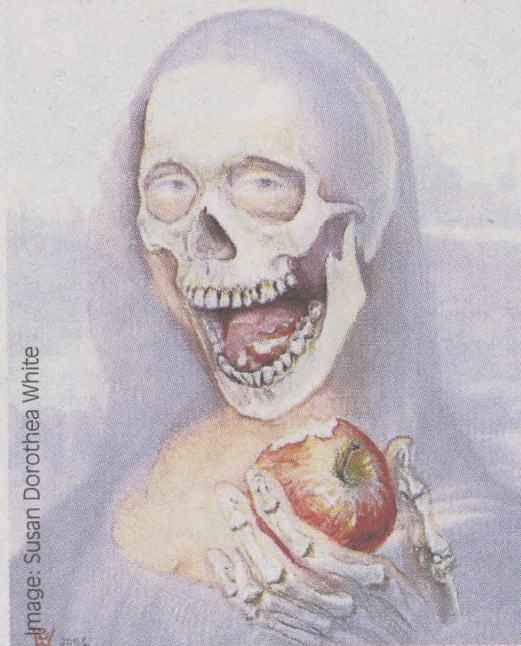


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Leonardo's shoes

Dan Brown's pulp fiction juggernaut has besmirched the name of the original Renaissance man, Leonardo da Vinci. Perhaps it's time to restore Leo's name to its rightful, dignified place. Step into Leonardo's Shoes in an anatomy drawing workshop run by Dr Brian Freeman, an associate professor in the department of anatomy at the University of NSW, and artist Susan Dorothea White. Held at the university's school of medical sciences, it uses actual embalmed specimens as models. "We've been running the course since 2000 and we've never had people freak out," Dr Freeman says. The five-day intensive workshop runs from February 5 to 9 and costs \$490. Registration is essential on 9385 2480. See www.leonardosshoes.com.