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LAS VEGAS REVIEW-JOURNAL

In an *OBITUARY*, just 2 days ago:



PATRICK xxx It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of Patrick xxx. Born Nov. 1, 19xx, he was only xxx years old. Cause of death is unknown at this time. He leaves behind his brother, Kenny; parents, Ron and Kim; and stepparents, Kate and Reno. He was a beloved brother and son. May he rest in peace. A public memorial service will be held, however, day and time has not been set. *Please check Facebook for further information.

HERSHEY'S

Hershey's chocolate is involved in a copyright case against a Las Vegas software developer over a 'Virtual Chocolate Milk' iPhone app. Competition among the

respective companies is pretty 'hot' but a key issue is that the **Las Vegas company executed on the idea first.** The L.V. company charges \$3 for its iPhone app - Hershey's is **Free**, and is different in that it uses a red and white straw to 'drain' chocolate milk from the phone screen.



An award-winning Las Vegas newspaper printed an issue in pink to kick off 'Breast Cancer Awareness' month. In a *Letter to the Editor*, a reader expressed 'sour grapes about the color.'

I loved that it was printed in pink, and shared this on **FB**. Among the many stories in this issue, one thing was loud and clear: if you or a loved one suspects something, *please* check it out!

Note: There will be 1970 cases of breast cancer in **men** diagnosed this year in the US and a % of them will die. I hope your loved one is not one of them...

Genius M508 MousePen 5" x 8" Touch Pad Review by: London Wilde / WildeStarr



Pros: Sleek Design, adjustable work area between wide-screen and 4:3 aspect ratios, touch pads on tablet provide dedicated controls for scrolling, zooming, and brush attributes. 13 hot keys on the tablet surface, for common commands such as copy/paste/open/new/web/etc. rubber grip pen with rocker button for right clicking or other user programmable commands. Retail price at least \$100 less than an equivalent Wacom brand tablet. **Cons:** None that I could discover.

Best For: Serious art and photography students, art hobbyists and professionals, aimed at the Adobe Photoshop user.



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Review: Genius Touch Pad --- Cont'd

The **Genius M508 MousePen** tablet is a *brand new* offering to Genius line of graphics drawing tablets, slated to hit stores **September 2010**, and marks the companies first bid to **compete** in the Graphics professional market share with the industry standard brand, **Wacom**. Genius is not new to the graphics tablet market, however their product line has previously been targeting a low end price range, and document and office users. The new M508 features a Blue tooth pen, and has built in programming for use in most professionals

choice graphics program Adobe Photoshop, and even comes bundled with a trial version of Photoshop, and Corel Draw.

Test Drive: I professionally use Photoshop for web graphics, photography portrait re-touching, and catalogue product image processing. The pen is both comfortable and familiar feeling, with a nice rubber grip, and even has a clip to slide into your pocket protector like a normal pen. Of course, the pen cavity fits a AAA battery, so the pen is a bit heavier than a normal pen, and takes some getting used to if you have never used a graphics pen before. The tablet surface looks even better than the manufacturers photos, it is sleek, well laid out, and light as a feather, making it a breeze to carry on the go. The USB cord was long enough to place the tablet wherever I wanted, but not intrusive. The mouse is a little small for my likes, sized more like a laptop portable mouse, but I found I could use my regular full size mouse at the same time as the pen, which is great news for those of you who use a special ergonomic mouse. I don't normally "draw" in photoshop, however I took this pen through it's paces, and found that using the pen for photo editing tasks can take some getting used to. For example, if you set up the blur tool to soften edges of your image with a mouse, and click, you are getting 100% consistent pressure, for predictable results. The same settings using the pen will have graduating results depending on how hard you press. This could offer more control in the long run, but will take some getting used to in your work approach. I found that using the pen strictly for drawing produced the best results. However, you can use the pen for any tasks that you normally do with the mouse, including web surfing. The hot keys on the tablet are well thought out and easy to reach. I found I could reach up with my pinky to hit keys, without moving the pen too much, and accessing pull down menus in photoshop was almost automatic by simply hovering over them with the pen.



NICE! Brushes pop up with a click of the rocker on the pen itself, super fast and easy to use. I read in previous consumer reviews that tracing produces less than desirable results on other models of genius tablet, however I found it to be a wonderful tracer. Just overlay your reference paper on the tablet, and draw! Customizing the settings of the pen could not be easier, by pulling up the control panel you can adjust the pen tablet area for different aspect ratios by dragging on the corners of the dimension display, you can set the pen tip pressure, button and alter the mouse commands. My recommendation: If you are an art student, or you are dabbling professionally in graphics, or you are an artist who wants to draw their designs into the computer, this tablet has the professional features you need, at an affordable price. ****4 stars.

Mac OS X and Windows 7--Resolution: 4000 RPI
 Pressure sensitivity:1024 levels
 Retail Price M508Wireless: \$199
 M508 USB connected: \$149