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Competition for the iPhone

Google takes on Apple

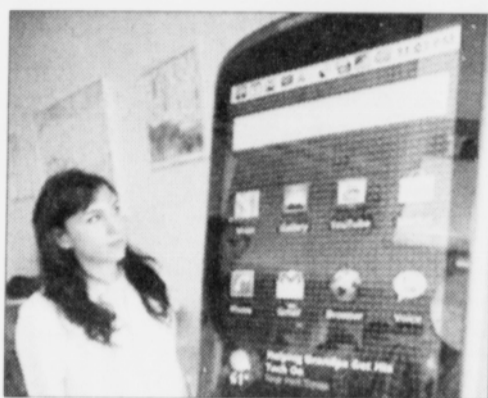
(AP) -- It's official: Google Inc. will sell its own mobile phone in an effort to protect its online advertising empire as people increasingly surf the Web on handsets instead of personal computers.

The phone, announced Tuesday, had been widely anticipated since Google handed out the device, called

the Nexus One, to its own employees three weeks ago.

Consumers will be able to buy the Nexus One for \$179 if they commit to a two-year service contract with T-Mobile USA. Google will handle all sales online and has no plans to let consumers check out the Nexus One in retail stores.

Given the hype, the Nexus One could be a bit of a letdown because



Google's new mobile phone is projected onto a screen.

it only takes a few incremental steps beyond what's already possible on handheld devices. And the Nexus One's standard sales price of \$529 may lessen its appeal in a still-shaky economy.

The Nexus One escalates Google's budding rivalry with former Silicon Valley ally, Apple Inc., which has sold more than 30 million iPhones in the past 2 1/2 years.

Hispanics Named to Top Posts

Obama eclipses predecessors with appointments

(AP) -- President Barack Obama is on track to name more Hispanics to top posts than any of his predecessors, drawing appointees from a wide range of the nation's Latino communities, including Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Dominicans and Colombians.

That won't necessarily give the president a free pass on issues such as immigration, but it may ease Hispanics' worries about whether Obama will continue reaching out to a group that was key to his winning the White House.

Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor is by far Obama's most famous Hispanic appointee. In less than a year in office, the president has also tapped at least 48 other Hispanics to positions senior enough to require Senate confirmation. So far, 35 have been approved.

That compares with a total of 30 approved under Bill Clinton and 34 under George W. Bush during their first 20 months in office, according to U.S. Office of Personnel Management data.

The personnel office does not track appointments of judges or ambassadors. Early indicators suggest Obama is naming many Hispanics to those positions as well, though he has been slow to appoint judges in general.

The most significant legacy of the Obama appointments may be a ways off, Jones-Correa said, noting that midlevel officials often go on to win major state and federal elections.



Silver Anniversary

"Keep Alive The Dream"

Tribute to: Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.
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Portland, Oregon 97213

Monday January 18, 2010
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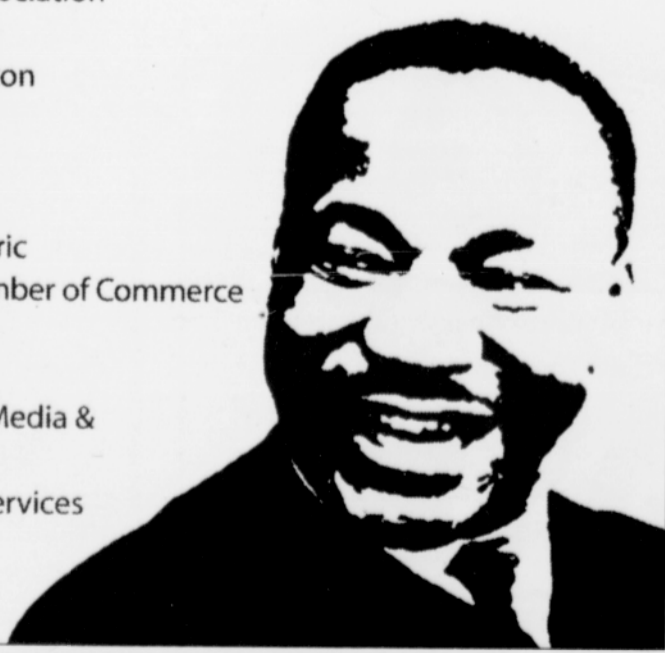
The entire program will be simulcast live on KBOO Radio (90.7 World Wide Web), Broadcast/tape delayed on Portland Community Media (Ch.11) from 1:00-8:00 pm, and Portland Public Schools Television Services (Ch. 28) from 3:00-10:00 pm.

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MLK Celebration Sunday

Area residents are invited to Augustana Lutheran Church, 2710 N.E. 14th Ave., for the 15th annual Martin Luther King Jazz and Gospel Celebration Service, Sunday, Jan. 10 at 6 p.m.

The service features readings from the great sermons of Dr. King and the music of Marilyn Keller, Ron Steen, Kevin Deitz, George Mitchell, Dr. Robert Gashi and other special guests.