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## Today's Lunch with Michael

Not to drop names, but we had **lunch today** with **Michael Dell**. Oh, yes, there were those other 735 guests of the NVTC at the **McLean Hilton**. Michael's message? "The stimulus package will be a small band-aid on a large wound if America cannot compete in the global market place."



We snapped this of Michael a couple hours ago with NVTC head **Bobbie Kilberg**. Random notes on what he told the crowd: Everyone talks about Asia, but there are also booming economies in **North Africa** and the **Mideast**. People usually go online three years after they get their first phone, and the screen size of computers and telephones will get bigger. "The **size of laptop screens** has actually grown, because instead of being small and portable people want to be able to see more information at a given time." Government should invest heavily in **education**. Countries with low corporate taxes usually flourish.