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Abandoning its plans to rank the country's "best places to live" in its December issue, Money magazine has instead chosen to highlight New York, to "celebrate the city we love."

The issue, which is set to hit newsstands next week, includes 15 pages on the city, including a sidebar written by Mayor **Rudolph Giuliani**.

Born in Brooklyn, the mayor attended college in the Bronx, law school in Manhattan, and then lived in Queens early in his career. After he steps down from office on Jan. 1, 2001, Giuliani says he plans to retire to Staten Island.

"I'm familiar with enough places to know that this is a city so filled with promise, with good people and great opportunity, that I truly cannot picture living anywhere else," he wrote.

The main article and accompanying photographs zero in on the city's restaurants, diverse neighborhoods and varied landscapes. Celebrities, including actress **Susan Sarandon**, filmmaker **Ric Burns**, and journalist **Connie Chung**, are quoted on "why they call the Big Apple home."

"The whole spirit of New York City is about being No. 1," Chung said. "It's about having a lot of heart, but at the same time being a real fighter."

The planned rankings of "The Best Places to Live" will be featured on Money's Web site, the magazine said.

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