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Henry Paulson is writing a book about his decisions in the early days of the meltdown. Page 11B

▲ DOW
89.94 at 7,749.81

▲ NASDAQ
12.43 at 1,528.95

▲ AMEX
11.97 at 1,374.78

▲ NYSE
62.67 at 5,127.00

▲ S&P 500
7.76 at 813.88

▲ 10-YEAR NOTE YIELD
2.79 from 2.71%

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RALEIGH STILL RATES NO. 1 FOR BUSINESS

Amid all the doom and economic gloom, *Forbes.com* offers a ray of hope.

In its 11th annual ranking of the **Best Places for Business and Careers**, it ranks the Raleigh metropolitan area No. 1 for the third straight year.

This region is bolstered by strong job growth (both past and projected), low business costs and a highly educated work force. The Durham area wasn't far behind at No. 3, just after Fort Collins, Colo.



The report quotes Matthew Martin, economist at the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond: "Raleigh is holding up better than any place in North Carolina."

Forbes.com does throw a bit of cold water on the rave review, pointing out that the recession "is too deep and widespread for even our best-rated cities to escape damage."

But it adds that places ranked at the top will lead the way as things do turn around.