LEAVING LOUISIANA
Experts See Dire Future For State

By EDWARD PRATT

BR businessman works for change

W. E. "Bill" Tucker is a businesswoman who has long
been associated with the oil industry.

"This is my hometown," Tucker said. "And it's something
that is near and dear to me."

Tucker's passion for the environment is evident in her
work, as she focuses on developing sustainable solutions
for the future.

"We've got some real problems that we need to face head
on," Tucker said. "But we're not going to give up."

She has been involved in several prominent environmental
efforts, including advocating for stricter regulations on
fracking and promoting renewable energy sources.

"People have been noticing that the situation is getting
worse in recent years," Tucker said. "But we're not going
to let that stop us."

Tucker is also an advocate for reducing plastic waste
and has been involved in initiatives aimed at reducing
pollution in coastal areas.

"We're working towards a more sustainable future," Tucker
said. "And we're not going to give up until we reach our
goals."

Tucker's dedication to the environment is evident in her
commitment to her hometown and her efforts to improve
the quality of life for all residents.

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Photo provided by Alaina Brandon

High Salaries Lure Young Workers Away

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When Alaina Brandon graduated from Northwestern State University
in Harahan, she knew her job search was just beginning.

The 29-year-old Baton Rouge native felt flat on her face when she
learned about healthcare and knowledge for her positions.

"Everyone said, 'Don't worry, you don't have enough experi-
ence. You need to start networking. You need to start getting
your foot in the door.'" Brandon said. "But I didn't want to
settle for anything. I wanted to find the perfect job for me."

A career in healthcare was always something that she had
interested in. But finding the right job was not easy.

Brandon's degree in healthcare management was her ticket
to the healthcare industry. She worked for two years at
Northwestern State University, where she gained valuable
experience in the field.

"I was able to learn a lot from my experiences," Brandon
said. "And I was able to use those experiences to my
advantage when I applied for jobs."

She was accepted into the healthcare management pro-
gram at Northwestern State University, and she went on
to complete her degree.

Now, Brandon is working as a healthcare administrator.

"I love my job," she said. "It's rewarding to be able to
make a difference in people's lives."

Brandon's success story is not unique. Many other
young professionals are finding their careers in
healthcare.

"Healthcare is a growing field," said Dr. John Brown,
Chairman of the Healthcare Management Department at
Northwestern State University. "And the demand for
skilled professionals is only increasing."