

# Brunick

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ally exceptional or I could be done."

Scouted by Marv Olson of the Twins' organization, Brunick did not sign immediately that summer after his senior year at Yankton High School. Instead, he waited until after his legion season — guided by coach Bob Winter — had finished.

"In September, Marv approached me and my family and we decided instead of waiting until after college, let's go ahead and sign right now while I'm really young," Brunick said.

Brunick's signing bonus in 1967 was \$500, far lower than the average today, but he had his 4-year education at Yankton College paid for by the Twins under the Professional Baseball

College Scholarship Plan. The Twins paid for eight semesters of college, for up to \$1,000 per semester.

Rules at the time, however, prevented Brunick from pitching in college because had already signed professionally.

"It didn't eliminate me from playing football, though," he said. "That was the rule then, you could play another sport as long as it wasn't the sport you signed in. It wasn't like Bo Jackson, where he could do both."

In June of 1968, Brunick flew down to Florida for a Twins' rookie camp in Melbourne, Fla., where he and other draft picks spent 12 days in a kind of spring training setting.

Before he even got to Florida, though, Brunick had a chance encounter with a former teammate, Dave Goltz — who would go on to a long career with the Twins, eventually being named one of the 50 Greatest Twins.

"He looked like maybe he was a baseball player, because he had his glove and a pack with a baseball bat sticking out of it," Brunick said. "I went up to him and asked, 'Are you going to Melbourne?' Turns out, we both were."

After their short stay in Florida, the players had three options for minor league sites: Sarasota, Fla., Auburn, N.Y. and St. Cloud, Minn.

"I thought I was going to Sarasota, but they decided St. Cloud would be better for me," Brunick said. "They flew us to Minneapolis and we bused to St. Cloud so we could start our season."

With the St. Cloud Rox in 1968, Brunick was part of a team that won its league championship on the last day of the season. He was with the team again in 1969 and part of 1970 before being released.

"We were having a terrible season and they were looking to

move some people up and make some changes," Brunick said. "That was it for me then."

Brunick came back to Yankton and eventually earned his degree from Yankton College in 1971. He went on to pitch for Yankton's amateur baseball teams over the years, but later accepted a job with Yankton Middle School (then the junior high).

Brunick retired in 2004 and was inducted into the Yankton Baseball Association Hall of Fame in 2012.

Though it has been 46 years since he was drafted by the Minnesota Twins and 43 years since his professional career came to end, Brunick said he still likes to think back to those "glory days."

"Once in a while it comes up, or I'll think about it," he said. "It's always fun to talk about it."

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# Economy

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for one, they're counted as unemployed.

Labor force participation has been falling since peaking at 67.3 percent in 2000. That's partly the result of baby boomers retiring and dropping out of the work force.

Joseph LaVorgna, chief U.S. economist at Deutsche Bank Securities, thinks an improving job market will encourage more Americans to look for jobs. He predicts that the participation rate will level off at around 63.5 percent.

The unemployment rate is derived from a survey of households. This survey found that more people started looking for work in May. Since some didn't find jobs right away, the number of unemployed rose 101,000 to 11.7 million.

The job gain for the money is calculated from a separate survey of employers.

Some signs in the report suggested that the government spending cuts, which began taking effect in March, and weak growth in much of the rest of the world are weighing on the U.S. job market. Manufacturers cut 8,000 jobs, and the federal government shed 14,000. Both were the third straight month of cuts for those industries.

The number of temporary jobs rose about 26,000, the second straight month of strong gains. That suggests that employers are responding to more demand but aren't confident enough to hire permanent workers.

Industries that rely directly on consumer spending hired at a healthy pace — a sign of confidence that consumers will keep spending. Retailers added 28,000 jobs. Restaurants and hotels added 33,000.

These categories include many lower-paying occupations. By contrast, the recession sharply cut jobs in higher-paying industries such as manufacturing, construction and finance, which have yet to recover.

Mark Vitner, an economist at Wells Fargo, calculates that about 60 percent of the jobs created in May were in lower-paying fields. Even in a professional field such as health care, Vitner noted that one of the biggest job creators was home health care services, where care providers earn about \$10 an hour, according to government data.

"It's hard to get meaningful income growth with these types of jobs," Vitner said.

Rob McGahen, 29, has felt the trend personally. After receiving his master's in business administration in 2007, McGahen worked for Boeing in St. Louis, buying parts for military planes.

Last year, after moving with his wife to Pensacola, Fla., McGahen sought work for about nine months. He settled for a part-time job in the produce section of Publix, a supermarket chain.

"It's certainly not a long-term plan," McGahen said. "But it keeps me busy. It keeps my skills from atrophying."

Stock markets have gyrated in the past two weeks on speculation that the Fed would soon

start to taper its \$85 billion-a-month in bond buying — a step that could raise rates and cause stock prices to fall.

"I think the Fed will stay on hold," said Nariman Behraves, chief economist at IHS Global Insight. "They want to see numbers above 200,000 on payroll jobs on a consistent basis before they start to taper off."

Behraves said he thinks the Fed will maintain its pace of bond buying through this year before scaling it back in 2014.

"Today's report is perhaps the perfect number for nervous investors," said James Marple, Senior Economist at TD Economics. "It is strong enough to point to continued economic recovery but not so strong as to bring forward expectations of Fed tapering."

Other analysts who have predicted that the Fed would start trimming its bond purchases later this year said they didn't think Friday's jobs report would change that timetable.

John Canally, an economist at LPL Financial, blames the Federal Reserve for not specifying how much monthly job growth it wants to see before it scales back its bond buying.

"They have not been transparent enough," Canally said. "That is what has unhinged markets."

The Fed has been buying bonds to keep loan rates near record lows to encourage consumers and companies to buy and spend.

Low rates make investments that pay interest unattractive. As a result, many investors have bought stocks instead. Money pouring into stocks drove the Dow to record high last month. Stocks have since slipped but their peaks but are still up more than 20 percent since November.

On Friday, the government also revised the job figures for April and March. The revisions were slight compared with recent months, when the government had significantly revised up its initial job estimates. April's gain was lowered to 149,000 from 165,000. March's was increased slightly to 142,000 from 138,000. The net loss was 12,000 jobs.

The average hourly wage ticked up just a penny in May, to \$23.89. That was because much of the job growth was in lower-paying industries.

But mild inflation is boosting Americans' purchasing power. Over the past 12 months, hourly wages have risen 2 percent. Inflation has increased just 1.1 percent in that time.

The economy grew at a solid annual rate of 2.4 percent in the first three months of the year. Consumer spending rose at the fastest pace in more than two years. But economists worry that the steep government spending cuts and higher Social Security taxes that started Jan. 1 might be slowing growth in the April-June quarter to an annual rate of 2 percent or less.

Consumers appeared earlier this year to shrug off the tax increase. But in April, their income failed to grow, and they cut back on spending for the first time in nearly a year. A Social Security tax increase is costing a typical household that earns \$50,000 about \$1,000 this year, or about \$20 a week. For a household with two high-earners, it's costing up to \$4,500.

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Besides struggling with insurance, Trattles and her family faced more hardships when her husband was forced to leave home to find work in Chicago, Ill. Trattles was then hospitalized herself for dehydration and stress. Trattles said her husband is home this weekend for the first time in two months.

"Everything snowballed," Trattles said. "I don't have family, and (my husband) has some family still in Michigan. Some of them have helped to pay our rent. We're on the verge of losing everything."

Then Trattles' son and Hunts' brother, Travis, was getting close to high school graduation. Trattles wanted to give him a graduation party, but had never thrown one before since Travis was the first of her children to graduate. The Avera Sacred Heart Hospital medical floor de-

cided to step in and take care of the party for their mission project.

"We would not have been able to have a graduation party for Travis if it had not been for the people at the hospital," Trattles said. "I felt overwhelmed. I cried, and every time we came up here they had more stuff, and one day they brought a wheelchair in with the pop and the chips and the decorations. I didn't expect anything, and then the day of the party they brought so much food. It was unbelievable. It couldn't have been any better."

Sheila Goeken, health unit coordinator at the hospital, and Barb DeWitt, clinical manager worked with the rest of the medical floor to plan Travis's graduation party.

"We just wanted to do something supportive to help the stress go away," DeWitt said. "We gave them a graduation party for (Trattles') son. It was an awesome feeling when we saw how happy she was about it."

Goeken said the floor has a

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mission project every year, but this was the first time they had done something like this.

"In the past, we've done projects around Christmas time, but this one just popped up one weekend," she said. "It was an automatic yes when we were deciding whether or not to do it."

Trattles said she never expected anything from the nurses, but she was grateful for the help from complete strangers.

"It just floored me, because we went to the welfare office and the Contact Center (for help with the party), and the people who you think will help you, because that's what they're there for, told us we were still over the (financial) limit for assistance," she said.

"I was very proud of Travis for graduating. He knew I wouldn't have been able to give him a party, and he would have been fine with that, but to mark the occasion with a small celebration made it more memorable."

Trattles said she knows her family's journey is not over, and she is relying on prayer to get them through.

"We've only lived here for five years, so we don't have a big support system," she said. "We have gotten support from the pastoral clergy here (at Avera) — they've come up and they've prayed with us. I believe there is power in prayer."

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# Cuts

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"It's not going to change the hours of the working staff that will be coming back," he said. "It's just looking at the start date

and the end and the transition period between the two classes that are served. The idea being that we don't have overlap times where two sessions of children are present at the same time."

In addition to the cuts being made during the school year, the SCCD will also furlough administrative personnel during June and July, with normal work

schedules returning in August.

"We're thinking that will have a minimal impact," Thaler said. "In June and July we're not as involved with the service delivery part of the program. That's more the time of preparation for the coming school year and wrapping up things from the previous year. It's the transition period."

Whichever cuts are accepted

by the federal government,

Thaler said the SCCD will continue to serve its communities the best it can.

"We want to affect the families and children the least," he said. "That's our primary goal."

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# Drone

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wanted to do was keep discussion of the drones on how it's this great new technology, our soldiers are kept out of harm's way and the machines are very precise. As long as you keep the conversation there, it is going to be very popular. But because of actions such as the one that put me in Yankton — and actions across the world — these objections are being made and questions are being asked. I really feel that this activism has had a positive result."

Six months in Yankton's prison was a test of patience, Terrell said. In a dispatch written during the final weeks of his sentence, he described "frequent shakedowns, random frisks ... and strip searches, separation from family and friends, severely limited visits, intercepted mail and interrupted phone calls, incessant noise and overcrowding, petty rules arbitrarily enforced."

However, Terrell said he never felt in danger, and he even managed to lose 40 pounds while at the institution through diet and exercise.

"I was in a place where I could get fresh air and sunshine. The judge could have put me in a jail where that wouldn't be the case," he stated. "I could have some discretion as to who I spent time with. I found good company and conversation and made friends. I'm grateful my time was spent there."

"It was a time of deep prayer and thought," he added.

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just to life outside prison, Terrell is ready to resume his activism against drones.

He will join fellow Voices for Creative Nonviolence members for a walk through Iowa to protest drone warfare. The group will walk approximately 190 miles from the Rock Island Arsenal (where drone and bomb parts are made and stored) to the Iowa Air National Guard Facility at Des Moines Airport, the planned site of a new drone command center.

The U.S. Air Force and the CIA both have drone programs. Drones have been utilized in Libya, Afghanistan, Iraq, Pakistan, Somalia and Yemen.

According to the New American Foundation, the CIA drone campaign began in Yemen in 2002 and in Pakistan in 2004.

The civilian and "unknown" casualty rate from drone strikes in those two countries has fallen steadily over the life of the program, the foundation reports. The casualty rate in Pakistan for civilians and "unknowns" — those who are not identified in news reports definitively as either militants or civilians — was

around 40 percent under President George W. Bush. The number has come down to approximately 16 percent under President Obama.

It is estimated that between 258-307 civilians have been killed by drone attacks in Pakistan. Figures were not available for Yemen.

"We have drones over Pakistan 24/7, and they don't want them," Terrell said. "They are a sovereign nation. It will come back at us. It's a very dangerous game. What I see cracking is the perception that has existed until recently that this is just a safe, clean and new way to make war."

He cited the case of Brandon Bryant, a former Air Force drone operator who has been diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder as an example of how the drone war's impact hits home. Bryant told NBC News this week that he is haunted by the fact that he participated in missions that killed more than 1,600 people.

"The idea that our soldiers can work a shift in an air-conditioned room in front of their computer with bathroom breaks

and meals at home with their families sounds very good," Terrell said. "But it's all very false."

Terrell said he doesn't feel like his time in prison was a waste and will continue taking part in nonviolent direct action.

"We're not trying to necessarily win or vanquish someone. We're trying to win hearts," he said. "I do think that my own sacrifice, which is very small, might have an effect on some people. But I think most of those are the people ready to be affected. People can still think I'm a crackpot. That's OK. I've accepted that. But I want the killing from these drones to stop — all war to stop — and economic justice to be served. I believe what I've done has had beneficial effects, and I feel good about it."

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