

## The Sperm Bank of California

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### DONOR PROFILE: 3173

The past and current medical history, physical examination and laboratory tests determine that donor **3173** is acceptable for semen donation at The Sperm Bank of California. This profile was prepared in May 2005.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Identity release<sup>sm</sup>: **yes**

Month/year of birth: **11/82**

Education: **pursuing a BA in architecture**

Current occupation: **student, and live in attendant for persons with disabilities**

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Height: **5'11 1/2"**

Weight: **164 pounds**

Hair color: **dark brown/black**

Hair type: **straight, fine**

Eye color: **black**

Complexion: **light brown**

Body type: **large**

Ethnic origin: **Chinese**

Religion: **none**

Blood group/Rh: **AB Positive**

### FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY KEY:

**D** donor      **Ch** child      **F** father      **M** mother      **S** sister      **B** brother  
**Co** cousin      **A** aunt      **U** uncle      **MGF** maternal grandfather  
**MGM** maternal grandmother      **PGF** paternal grandfather      **PGM** paternal grandmother

### FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

Allergies: **D: allergy to cats onset age 20**

Cancer: **PGM: lung cancer cause of death at age 54 (she was a smoker); MGM: lung cancer onset age 61 (was exposed to a great deal of secondhand smoke at work)**

Heart: **M: high blood pressure, mild high cholesterol onset age 45, controls with medication; MGM: high blood pressure due to stress and lack of exercise after retirement, heart attack cause of death at age 62**

Sight/Sound/Smell: **D: nearsighted (20/200 vision in both eyes)**

### DONOR LAB RESULTS

Chlamydia: **Negative**

Gonorrhea: **Negative**

Syphilis: **Nonreactive**

CMV total antibody: **Positive**

HIV 1 & 2 antibody: **Negative**

Hepatitis B: **Negative**

Hepatitis C: **Negative**

HTLV 1 & 2: **Negative**

Urinalysis: **Normal**

Chem panel: **Normal**

CBC: **Normal**

Cystic Fibrosis: **Negative**

Tay Sachs: **N/A**

Sickle cell anemia/thalassemia: **Negative**

Other: **CMV urine culture negative, donor is presumed non-infectious.**

## **DONOR NARRATIVE: Donor 3173**

Describe your personality (introvert, extrovert, funny, serious, goal-oriented, curious, etc.).

**I don't understand why, but it makes me a little nervous to be describing myself, and not knowing who would be reading this and when. Especially when it is possible that my audience is relying on only what I write here to assess what kind of person I am. I guess that already makes me sound tense and relative unspontaneous. That can be true under some settings and circumstances, but the truth is I carry many other characteristics. Fundamentally, however, I am a keen observer of people. Whenever I step into an unfamiliar situation, I can usually get a fairly accurate sense of what people around me are like. Then, I am able to adapt myself, and assimilate myself to get the best out of their company. I can be serious and civil with a philosophy professor, or I can be funny and wild with a cute girl I meet in the bar. Frankly, I hate to be defined, and I prefer to redefine who I am each time I am with different people. I have been thinking that it probably has to do with my upbringing as a first generation immigrant. I lived many years both in China and the states. I have been in six schools and had to learn three languages. I have had countless friends, although only a handful of close ones. I have always been surrounded by very diverse groups of people, and they all contribute to the type of person I am today.**

What are your special interests and talents?

**I never turn down an opportunity for a new hobby or a new experience. I believe my talent is my persistence with what I love to do.**

How would you describe your enjoyment of and skills in the following areas:

**math: I have a strong background in math and biology. For math, I was the high school's math club president for two consecutive years. I competed in regional competitions and received top scores for my school. I enjoy math because it can be used to explain everything we do in life. I also enjoyed biology, because I was particularly curious about the human body. I was intrigued by the complexity of how a person is built, from a small atom to an organ.**

**mechanical: Because I am in architecture, I operate on many types of machines to build models and to work on actual projects. I enjoy working with large machineries, for they make me feel empowered. I find somewhat erotic about the experience of effortlessly cutting through a chunk of hardwood or welding together thick pieces of metal.**

**athletic: I never believed that a sport is to be watched. It is something one does. Thus I am only passionate about sports I participate in, such as swimming. I was swimming very competitively in high school. For the three years that I swam, I was awarded both the most improved and most valuable player. In my senior year, I was the team captain of men's varsity. I trained more than 24 hours a week for each season, and led our relatively new team to many victories. Currently I picked up climbing. I enjoy the primitive feeling it provokes in me. I also like it for the extreme mental and physical challenges it presents.**

## **DONOR NARRATIVE: Donor 3173 cont'd**

musical, artistic, creative: **My father trained me to play the accordion when I was 4, and I was on stage multiple times before I was 6. However, I felt playing accordion was more of an obligation for my parents that it was for my own enjoyment. I stopped playing after my parents moved to the states. Instead, I picked up guitar, and self-taught to play classical music when I was 17. In terms of art, I like to draw with pencil and acrylic paint. I love to draw people, and I never fail to carry a sketchbook with me when I am outside. Yet, I get the most satisfaction from being an architecture student. I am able to express my personalities and feelings through my designs, and I get to draw and sculpt and create spaces. Currently, I am working with digital design and visual effects, which moved architecture into a new realm for me. I am now able to create realistic images and animations to represent abstract concepts.**

language (what languages do you speak?): **I don't have a particular passion for language. When I approach a new language, it's usually driven by necessity. I am fluent in English and Mandarin. I am somewhat fluent in Cantonese. After 3 years of high school Spanish, I regretfully admit that I can only understand very little of it.**

What are your goals and ambitions in life?

**I believe ideally, anything I do is a mean to the ultimate end, which is to be happy. I don't like to do things that I have to do, and not just because it makes my happy. Therefore, none of my larger goals in life is driven by money or obligations. Those goals also change every so often. Eight years ago, it was about improving my English and meeting more friends. Three years ago, it was about getting into a University where I would benefit most from. A year after that was about finding out what career I wanted to pursue. My current goal is to travel the world and experience all that I can before settling down. I believe this new goal has to do with my passion for architecture and art in general. I am often intrigued by the cultural diversity displayed by people of different regions and I am vastly curious about how different cultures are expressed through the articulation of art and architecture. Because we go through different stages in life, I don't believe it's practical to plan for more than a few years ahead. Thus, as far as I'm concerned, traveling is my current goal in life.**

Why do you want to be a sperm donor?

**I can't justify being a donor with a noble cause. It merely is one of many experiences that I like to have. It also helps me financially to encounter the rapid rising cost of a college life.**

Did you choose to be an identity-release<sup>sm</sup> donor?  yes \_\_\_ no. Why did you make this choice?

**I choose to be an identity-release donor, simply because I feel people who carry my genes should also carry some knowledge of the healthy history of the family that passed on the genes.**

What message would you like us to pass on to the people who are getting your sperm?

**Before I became a donor, I debated with myself and others regarding the moral issues that becoming a donor may entail. I didn't find strong enough reasons for me not to do it; however, it is possible that I am not sufficiently knowledgeable to make such a decision at this stage of my life. I simply wish that I have made the right choice by giving those who carry my genes a chance to live a productive and fulfilling life. I will also be more than glad to answer questions in the future to the best of my abilities, so don't hesitate to establish contact with me.**