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## Donor 3302 Interview Notes

Donor 3302 is a recent graduate of a Master's program in Media Studies. This program combines the donor's interests in art and politics. His thesis project was a documentary film focusing on social justice issues. His Bachelor's degree major was religious studies, although he does not consider himself to be religious at all.

The donor grew up as one of six children on the central Californian coast. Both sides of his family have lived there for several generations working as ranchers, farmers and sharecroppers. Both his mother and his father have Irish, English and Mexican ancestry. The donor's mother is employed as a vice principal in an elementary school. After several years of doing manual labor, his father, a voracious reader, decided to go to college. The donor and his dad graduated on the same day with their Bachelor's degree. His father is now an English teacher.

The donor describes all of his brothers and sisters as being extremely intelligent and capable people. Art, music, a love of learning and literature are interests that run through his family. He also feels that he and his siblings were taught to question authority and to be aware of social justice issues.

Donor 3302 is married and has no children. His wife is supportive of him being a sperm donor. His primary motivation for being a donor is "to help those who are not within 'traditional' procreative relationships."

The donor was friendly and easygoing and spoke comfortably about himself and his family, although at times he blushed easily. He has dark hazel eyes, shapely eyebrows, a strong nose, full lips and a frequent smile. He has a sturdy, stocky build.

Interviewer: Frances M.

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### DONOR PROFILE: 3302

The past and current personal and family medical history, physical examination, and laboratory test results determine that donor **3302** is eligible and approved for semen donation at The Sperm Bank of California. This profile was prepared in March of 2006.

### PERSONAL INFORMATION

Identity release<sup>®</sup>: **yes**

Month/year of birth: **2/79**

Education: **BA in Religious Studies, MA in Media Studies**

Current occupation: **Media – video productions, sound, print, production.**

### PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Height: **5'7"**

Weight: **183 pounds**

Hair color: **medium brown**

Hair type: **thick, straight, curly**

Eye color: **hazel**

Complexion: **olive, light brown**

Body type: **medium**

Ethnic origin: **English, Irish, Mexican**

Religion: **born into a Catholic home, no current religious practice**

Blood group/Rh: **O+**

### FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY KEY:

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

### FAMILY MEDICAL HISTORY

Allergies: **D: severe allergies to Poison Oak**

Cancer: **MGF: esophageal cancer cause of death at age 73, long time smoker**

Gastro-intestinal: **PGF: gall stones onset in 40s; PGM: gall stones onset in 50s, surgically removed**

Genital/Reproductive: **MGM: hysterectomy in her mid-30s due to uterine fibroids; MA: ovarian cysts onset at age 40, resolved with medication.**

Neurological: **F and PU: headaches (possibly migraines) onset in their 30s, occasional, short duration**

Respiratory: **PGF: respiratory failure at the age of 71 cause of death, long time smoker.**

Substance abuse: **PU: alcoholism, drank heavily during his 20s and 30s, has been sober for 20 years**

### DONOR LAB RESULTS

Chlamydia: **Negative**

CMV total antibody: **Positive**

Hepatitis B: **Negative**

Urinalysis: **Normal**

Cystic Fibrosis: **Negative**

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

Gonorrhea: **Negative**

HIV 1 & 2 antibody: **Negative**

Hepatitis C: **Negative**

Chem panel: **Normal**

Tay Sachs: **N/A**

Syphilis: **Nonreactive**

HTLV 1 & 2: **Negative**

CBC: **Normal**

Sickle cell anemia/thalassemia: **Negative**

## **DONOR NARRATIVE: Donor 3302**

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

**I would describe myself as a person who is not so much introverted as acutely self-aware; as sensitive. I enjoy my private space and time, but also love to share moments with others, whether in deep conversation or in collaboration on an artistic or community project. I very much tie my sense of self, my self-definitions, and my personal well-being to my sense of community.**

**I can be a very serious person, especially if I am relating to something I consider to be important or if my attention is focused on a particular project. I have been told that I am funny and have been described as having a quick, sometimes biting, sense of humor. The closer I feel to someone, the more my funny side slips through, and with those I am close to I find myself to be kind of silly sometimes. Some friends of mine would say I have a notorious scowl but would say I have a boisterous laugh as well.**

**I am an artist, so I find myself to be very curious and passionate. I have a very active imagination and I guess I would call myself a dreamer, but I would also say that I don't dream to escape reality, but instead try to imagine possibility in as many ways as are conceivable. I would describe myself as very intellectual, but I think I also can be emotional as well—often these two areas augment one another.**

What are your special interests and talents?

**I am an artist. I have been as artist since before I can remember. As far as art goes, I paint, draw, and sculpt. I have done video, sound, multi-media and collaborative projects. Most recently, I am just finishing up a master's degree in Media Studies from which I hope to combine my artistic skills with newly formed and discovered information-sharing techniques.**

**I do poetry and other creative writing. I am also greatly interested in social and critical theory and do much writing in this area both on my own and with others. I have also recently done a bit of journalistic writing.**

**I am very much into literature, music, and film. I enjoy reading, listening to music, and watching films and I also enjoy reading about literature, music and film.**

**I am very interested in politics. I would call myself a political activist and I am very passionate about global, national, and local political issues. I work with several community organizations, and have also been a founding member of a couple. I have also lectured and sat on panels, speaking on political history and theory.**

**I also very much enjoy just having conversations, cooking, spending time outdoors, and playing games.**

## **DONOR NARRATIVE: Donor 3302 continued**

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

math: **I can do it fairly well if I need to but I don't have much patience or passion for math.**

mechanical: **I very much enjoy the challenge of building something. I also very much enjoy the focus and almost meditative space I enter into when concentrating on such a project.**

athletic: **I have never been too much into sports but I enjoy hiking, soccer, skateboarding and bike riding.**

musical, artistic, creative: **I would describe my artistic/creative skills as being very high. As far as enjoyment of art/music/creativity, I would describe it as beyond enjoyment and into a place that is tied closely with my sense of self and personal well-being.**

language (what languages do you speak?): **I understand most of the Spanish spoken to me. I speak enough to get by.**

What are your goals and ambitions in life?

**My primary goal, my primary ambition is the struggle for social justice. I feel like any other ambition or goal is secondary to this struggle. By the struggle for social justice, I mean the struggle to seek redress for institutional injustice and inequality as well as the struggle for the creation of a society that is more cooperative, equitable, and humane. I try to intertwine this struggle with other things in my life. For example, I hope to develop my skills as a filmmaker in order to make documentaries and fictional films that would address important social topics and issues. I also hope to continue my education in an effort to be able to share with others what I've learned. My goal in life is to devote myself in every possible way to the creation of a better world. I would also like to maybe have children of my own someday.**

Why do you want to be a sperm donor?

**I like the idea of being able to help others using my body. I guess it speaks to my sense of solidarity. Also, I consider myself as a sperm donor, to be participating in a civil rights issue—that is procreative rights for those who are not within “traditional” procreative relationships.**

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

**I made the choice because if it was the other way around I would want to be able to get as much information as possible as to where I came from, as to my own genealogy.**

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

**I am glad that I can help you in this important step you have taken in your life.**

## Donor # 3302

<b>Family Member</b>	<b>Health Problem</b>	<b>Treatment/Resolution</b>
<b>donor</b>	allergy	severe allergies to Poison Oak, rash spreads up his body and into his mucous membranes, requires medical treatment
<b>father</b>	headaches, possibly migraines	onset in his 30s, occasional, short duration, and relatively mild
<b>paternal grandfather</b>	respiratory failure	cause of death at age 71, was a long time smoker
<b>paternal grandfather</b>	gall stones	onset in his 40s
<b>paternal grandmother</b>	gall stones	onset in mid 50s, surgically removed
<b>maternal grandfather</b>	esophageal cancer	cause of death at age 73, was a long time smoker
<b>maternal grandmother</b>	hysterectomy	in her mid-30s due to uterine fibroids
<b>paternal uncle</b>	alcoholism	drank heavily during his 20s and 30s; has been sober for 20 years
<b>paternal uncle</b>	headaches, possibly migraines	onset in his 30s, occasional, short duration, and relatively mild
<b>maternal aunt</b>	ovarian cysts	onset at age 40, resolved with medication.