

THE ENTREPRENEUR LIFE OF  
THOMAS CASEY

# LIFE





**1952** – born January 3rd, Waterbury Connecticut.

**1958** – Greenwich Connecticut school system IQ testing qualifies Tom for Mensa at age 6, offers accelerated classes, individual guidance, and career counseling. His father, a schoolteacher with a master's degree, refuses, insisting his son be treated like everyone else. Tom's dad prohibits any further discussion and emotionally separates from his son, never again offering educational support or even college application guidance

**1963** – Tom has a paper route and commences caddying on weekends at the Greenwich Country Club, which slowly becomes the start of his financial independence.

**1968** – Tom stops caddying to take an estate restoration and maintenance job on Saturdays with Thomas Joseph Spenker, President of the J.C. Penney Insurance Companies, and his family at their Carriglea estate in Riverside, a responsibility he would retain up until his graduation from the University of Connecticut in 1973.

**1968** – David W. Harris (Harris, Upham & Co. family) marries Elizabeth Spenker, initiating a life-long friendship with Tom that remains close to this day.

<https://www.nytimes.com/1968/09/08/archives/david-w-harris-weds-elizabeth-ann-spenker.html>

**1969** – Tom leaves home the day after he graduates from Greenwich High School. Does not speak to his father again for 35-years. Tom attends Woodstock with two friends, a life-changing experience for a 17-year-old athlete who had never seen hippies or had ever smelled pot. They might have been the only three people there not high and able to remember the entire experience.

**1970 – 1971** Tom attends Norwalk Community College, tutors' chemistry for Head Start students, and works at Carriglea to pay expenses.

**1972 – 1973** Tom attends and graduates with a BA in Political Science from the University of Connecticut, selling pot & working at Carriglea to pay for his expenses. Purchases and occasionally races a Sunbeam Tiger. Becomes friends with a Radio City Music Hall Rockette.

Tom spends many Saturday nights in NYC, often attending memorable concerts at the Fillmore East while the Rockettes performed their late shows.

**1973** – Tom sells cars at Hart Twin Motors after graduation in order to race their Jensen Healey on weekends.

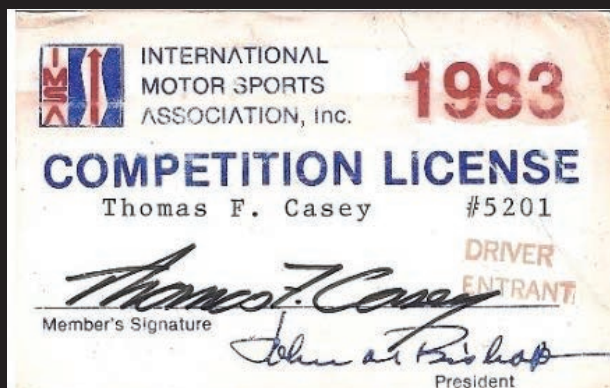
**1974** – Tom becomes the Connecticut and Western Massachusetts IV salesman for McGaw Laboratories.



**1977** – May 14th, Tom marries Susan Sales at Connecticut Governor Ella Grasso's governor's mansion. Tom and Susan move to McGraw HQ in Irvine, California. December, Tom & Susan separate and divorce (Susan later becomes a famous painter in Santa Fe & Dallas  
<https://www.susansales.com>).

**1980** – Tom moves to Scottsdale, purchasing a home designed by the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation, and marrying Catherine Oyen.

**1983** – Tom is awarded a professional racing license, fulfilling an ambition that had started inside Ferrari's Greenwich garages, and while driving David's 911S when he was sixteen. Tom went on to hold a track record in his class at Riverside Raceway, one of the finest tracks in the United States, that remained unbeaten when the track closed in 1989.



**1985** – Catherine files for and they become divorced.

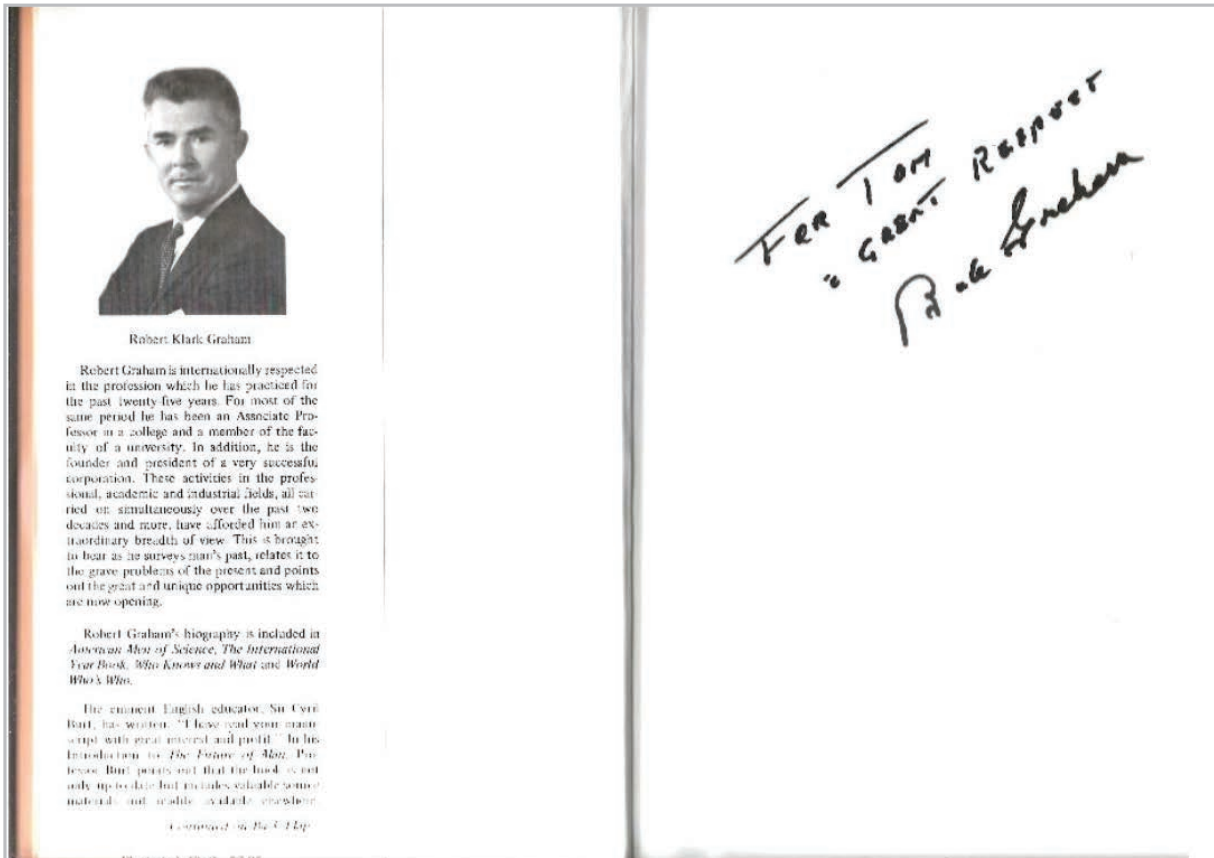
**1986** – Tom spends a lot of his time on tracks, or underwater.  
<https://www.youtube.com/@ThomasCasey1>

**1987** – Catherine sues in marital court a second time and loses.

**1991** – Tom moves to Rainbow.



**1994** - During Tom's re-election fund raising activities for Governor Pete Wilson, Tom meets major donor Robert Klark Graham, the millionaire developer of shatterproof plastic eyeglass lenses, author of "The Future of Man" and "Five Changepoints of Intelligence", who in 1980 founded the Repository for Germinal Choice, a sperm bank for geniuses where all the original donors were Nobel Prize winners. Due to the scarcity of donors and the low viability of their sperm (because of age), Graham invites 42-year-old Tom to UCSD for extensive IQ and physical testing.



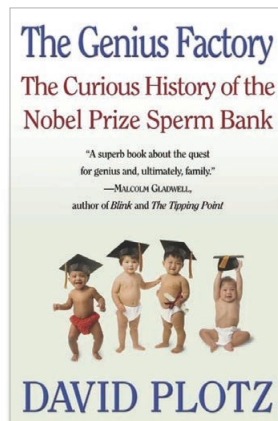
Originally turning down Graham due to a lack of interest and his belief that eugenics was a futile endeavor, Tom was encouraged by his then girlfriend, a PhD in Education, to undergo the testing. UCSD confirmed Greenwich's original measurement of a genius-level IQ of 149, offering to then submit their testing to Mensa for his membership enrollment.

Originally prevented from joining Mensa at age 6, Tom thought it best to keep his participation in the highly controversial sperm bank secret, with donor confidentiality also a requirement of Graham's, so he turned down UCSD's offer. Tom would, due to his height and age, become one of the bank's most requested donors until he ended participation three years later, after Graham died in 1997.

**1995** – February 2nd, Catherine sues Tom for a third time, and wins.

**2001** - Tom meets David Plotz and becomes anonymously identified as the "Entrepreneur" in his book "The Genius Factory", having become introduced by Graham's former medical director, Anita Neff, after the "Nobel" sperm bank closed in 1999.

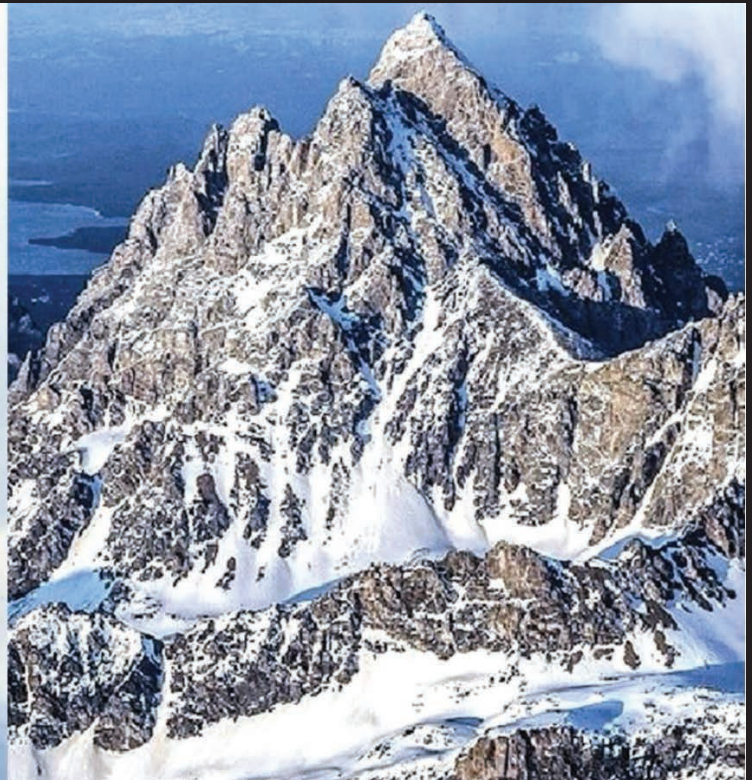
**2009** – Catherine files for Chapter 7 liquidation, bringing 22.5 years of divorce litigation to an end.



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