

The Eudaemonic Pie

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program to predict the outcome of where a roulette ball will fall. So devoted are they that one woman suffers burns to her skin by the equipment that they use. From there they aspire to create tiny computers that fit in shoes. Their Halloween parties are recounted. Some insight here but at a substantial cost of time. See *Bringing Down the House: The Inside Story of Six M.I.T. Students Who Took Vegas for Millions* instead. Pass on this. They did have brief contact with a young Steve Jobs.

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