NEWS: 10 things you didn't know about H.P. Lovecraft

The 2013 Providence NecronomiCon kicks off today in Providence to honor the late H.P. Lovecraft. Born in Providence, Lovecraft left behind works of horror, weird fiction and poetry. You can learn a lot about Lovecraft's life, work and legacy here, but here are some fast facts about this famous Rhode Island author:

1. What's in a Name?

Lovecraft's full name was Howard Phillips Lovecraft. He was born in 1890 and died in 1937 at the age of 46.
2. He was Providence

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He was born, raised and died in Providence and is buried at Swan Point cemetery. His gravestone reads, “I AM PROVIDENCE.”

3. "X" Marks the Spot

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His body isn’t actually buried under the headstone, it’s buried nearby.

4. Fan-fare

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In 1977, fans raised money to buy him his own headstone, since his name was solely listed on the Lovecraft family grave marker.
5. Lovecraft's Musical Love

Lovecraft played a harmonica-like instrument called a zobo.

6. A Troubled Childhood

Both of Lovecraft's parents were committed to Butler Hospital. He was raised by other relatives.

7. Lovecraft Square

The Providence City Council named the corner of Angell and Prospect Streets H.P. Lovecraft Memorial Square this year. Lovecraft lived on Angell Street for many years.
8. Unhappily Ever After

Lovecraft married Sonia Green in 1924. She was seven years older than him. The marriage lasted two years.

9. Not an Academic

Lovecraft dropped out of school at a young age and never earned his high school diploma.

10. Beach Reads

Many of Lovecraft's writings are public domain and can be read online for free.