



Haunted Homecoming

It's time for H.P. Lovecraft to come home.

Howard Phillips Lovecraft, the cultish crafter of wonderfully strange tales, was born on Angell Street in Providence in 1890, but some fear he's been forgotten in his native city. The city was where he wrote much of his best work, including what is perhaps his most famous story, "The Call of Cthulhu."

That's why H.P. Lovecraft, the progenitor of a genre known as "weird fiction," will enjoy a homecoming of sorts this summer when the Lovecraft Arts and



Sciences Council presents NecronomiCon Providence, a four-day convention dedicated to the author's life and work. The events will be

held at various spots around the city, August 22 to 25. "He's the preeminent American author of imaginative fiction since Poe," says Niels Hobbs, the lead organizer of the convention, along with his wife, Carmen Marusich. "He's enjoyed a surge of worldwide, pop culture fame, but it's not grounded here in Providence."

The convention will feature plenty of the scholarly stuff, but also integrates local art collections and collaborative exhibits from area attractions, as well as film, music, workshops, games, guided tours, city nightlife and samplings of local cuisine.

"It's as much about Providence as about Lovecraft," Hobbs says. *necronomicon-providence.com* -JOHN WINTERS

