

Biography TV profiles author Anna Flowers

'Killer Profile' airs on Monday night



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The Biography channel will profile true crime author Anna Flowers and her book, "Bound to Die," a study of Tampa Bay killer Bobby Joe Long. PAM HARBAUGH/FLORIDA TODAY

Viera author Anna Flowers will be featured at 10 p.m. Monday in the pilot episode of "Killer Profile," a new series on the Biography channel.

The producers interviewed Flowers about her 1995 blockbuster non-fiction book, "Bound to Die." Flowers' book is a study of Tampa Bay killer Bobby Joe Long.

Next month, Canadian film company Cineflix will visit Flowers to interview her for its new documentary about abused women. Flowers expects the documentary to air sometime in December.

"I'm shocked at the

interest in this case," Flowers said.

Ever since she was a little girl, Flowers wanted to be a professional writer. She was 12 years old when she was first published after winning a contest by a national publication, she said.

Eventually, Flowers became a reporter and worked in Cleveland and Wilmington, Del.

"Those were the years when women were mostly on society pages," she said. "They wrote mostly about tea parties. I was unhappy about it. I got the crime beat. Didn't get paid as much for it."

But that beat taught her how to report on crimes and ferret out the facts. In 1993, she published her first book, "Blind Fury," which was

about serial killer Gerald Stano.

It went into seven mass media printings, had a hardcover edition and was a Mystery Guild Book Club selection. "Bound to Die," her second book, also was a Mystery Guild Book Club selection.

Her other two books include "Murder at Wayside Antiques" and "Wanton Woman."

"I've had a lot of luck with it," Flowers said. "It was one of those things where preparation meant opportunity. I'd been a reporter. I knew how to write those kind of books. Plus, the public's appetite was insatiable."

The first episode of the TV series "Killer Profile" will air at 10 p.m. Monday on Biography BIO.HD, Bright House channel 1240.

Oh, and by the way, Flowers is her *nom de plume*. She is otherwise known as Anna Flowers Brotemarkle. And, yes,

she is mother to radio personality and author Ben Brotemarkle, the head of the Florida Historical Society.

BSO castings 'Ellis Island'

The Brevard Symphony Orchestra has announced a casting call for actors to portray immigrants at its Oct. 6 performance of Peter Boyer's "Ellis Island: The Dream of America."

Needed are four women and three men. Those interested in auditioning should visit the BSO website (brevardsymphony.com) and download the monologues. If you want more information about the work, visit propulsivemusic.com/ellisland.

Auditions will be at 7 p.m. Sept. 10 at the King Center, room 168, next to the Studio Theatre in the Rotunda. Rehearsals will be Oct. 2, 5 and 6.

The King Center is at 3865 N. Wickham Road,

Melbourne. Call the BSO at 321-242-2024 or email info@brevardsymphony.com.

Searching for local cover girls

Downtown Divas has created "The Search for the 2013 Downtown Divas Senior Cover Girl."

Deadline to enter the competition is Sept. 16. Go online at facebook.com/angelgrayphotography.

The competition will end with a young woman receiving a grand prize of a photography session with Angel Gray Photography and Mandy of Bangz Salon, a \$100 Downtown Divas gift certificate, a personal styling session with a personal shopper from Downtown Divas and the title of 2013 Downtown Divas Senior Cover Girl.

For more information, call Downtown Divas at 321-733-0898.

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