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NEW YORK (AP) — Barbra Streisand was on the line. She was producing a TV movie about Carolyn McCarthy, whose husband was shot to death on the Long Island Rail Road, and she didn't like the

Long Island incident

way it was turning out. Streisand, one of Hollywood's most notorious nitpickers, complained about the movie's thematic flow. She didn't think it had much. McCarthy didn't want to hear about it.

"I said, 'Go listen to some music. The flow will be fine," McCarthy recalled several months later.

Entertainment obviously means little to McCarthy. She didn't evolve from a grieving housewife to a dogged anti-gun activist to Congresswoman by meekly accepting anything whatever she was told.

So you can be certain that when NBC airs "The Long Island Incident" Sunday at 9 p.m. EDT, the Carolyn McCarthy story it tells is Carolyn McCarthy's story.

Her life changed forever on Dec. 7, 1993, when Colin Ferguson opened fire with a semi-automatic handgun aboard the commuter train. McCarthy's husband, Dennis, was one of six people killed. Her son, Kevin, was seriously wounded.

Reluctant at first to get politically involved, McCarthy was finally prodded into lobbying Congress for gun control. She was so angry when her congressman, Daniel Frisa, voted to repeal a gun law that she took him on in the 1996 election and won.

Dozens of people contacted McCarthy about a movie. She rejected them all because she wanted no depiction of the pivotal event — Ferguson striding down a train aisle, methodically shooting people.

McCarthy threatened to sue when NBC decided it was going ahead anyway. But she was heartened by Streisand's participation, figuring the celebrity would be sensitive to privacy concerns. McCarthy relented when producers offered her a chance to consult on the script.

"When they said they were looking for an inspirational story, I became a lot more comfortable with it," said McCarthy. She says she is so pleased with the finished product that she is giving interviews to promote it.

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Father charged with murdering daughter after Internet confession

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — Pleas for help and confessions of wrongdoing aren't out of the ordinary in an online support group for problem drinkers. But these messages stood out.

They contained a detailed confession from a man who said he got "wickedly drunk" and killed his 5-year-old daughter by setting fire to his house, then acted like the sorrowful father who bravely

To some, the reaction of other support group members — many of whom did not notify police and criticized those who eventually had the man arrested — was even more disturbing than the confession. The case has set off a debate about the confidentiality of online support groups, where some between us," it said.

members may assume that the intimate stories they send over the Internet are private. Police arrested Larrry Froistad, a San Diego

computer programmer, on March 27 and charged him with murdering his daughter in 1995 in Bowman, N.D., where Froistad had lived. Police said Froistad, 29, called and confessed

after learning that support group members had notified authorities about his postings. The message that started it all was a rambling note from a user known as "lfroistl." The posting, sent at 6:09 a.m. on March 22, was about people he

had lost in his life. "Amanda I murdered because her mother stood

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