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"The Heart Is Deceitful Above All Things," the movie based on JT LeRoy's book and directed, co-written and starring Asia Argento — along with Winona Ryder, Peter Fonda, Michael Pitt and Marilyn Manson — has been accepted by the Cannes Film Festival.

LeRoy spent his early years as a hustler and transvestite child prostitute, and his astounding career has been built on a foundation of writing about his experiences on the street.

P.S. As to other tales of redemption, the Delancey Street seder, as always, was brimming with them. Two former residents and one graduate of its Treasure Island high school shared their "Pass-over" stories — about freeing themselves from the slavery of life on the streets — with listeners whose eyes were as moist as those of the tellers.

The sense of emotion peaked when the chorus sang Delancey Street's theme song, "We'll Build a Stairway to Paradise." Chairs moved away from tables, and residents and guests rose in a crowd, singing along while kicking their legs, linking arms and swaying. If that sounds like a physical feat, it was nothing compared with what already had been accomplished under that roof.