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Valley porn industry

Kudos to the Daily news for fine reporting on the San Fernando Valley's porn industry ("Uneasy Peace?" Viewpoint, March 29).

Perhaps this balanced report will make it clear that more and more people -- liberal, conservative, religious, agnostic -- see porn as a way of affirming that sex should be fun and without the taint of sin. Perhaps the increasing acceptance of porn will lead

someday to the highly desirable decriminalization of prostitution.

Law enforcement resources would be freed to fight serious crime, taxes would accrue to the community through aboveboard prostitution, and the women themselves can only benefit — physically, psychologically and economically — from not being part of a criminal underground.

These factors all argue for legalized prostitution as the next step in our culture's sexual maturation.

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