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**TV GUIDE**

**California Dreamin'**

With a name like **CALIFORNIA AND THE AMERICAN DREAM** (PBS, 10P), one may say in your area, you'd think it would be all about the surf, sand and shiny, happy celebrities. Turns out, not so much. This new series actually explores some of the Golden State's less-than-dreamy days, starting with a look at the historical struggles of the Native Americans who gambled their political and financial future on the success of tribal gaming. If your interest runs more to somewhat less-serious or more-youthful Southern California, don't despair, there's always **THE O.C.** (FOX, 9P), rooted in a different kind of struggle for success. Despite what soap-opera-lovers think, at heart it's really a tale of a dead-end kid pulling himself up by his tank-top straps. And really, isn't that part of the American Dream that's fueled California migration for generations? (This week, our pugilistic Chino migrant, Ryan Atwood, licks out once again when he heads off on a road trip to see his absentee mother and meets a woman who may finally help him forget that Cooper girl.)

—Damian J. Holdbrook

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