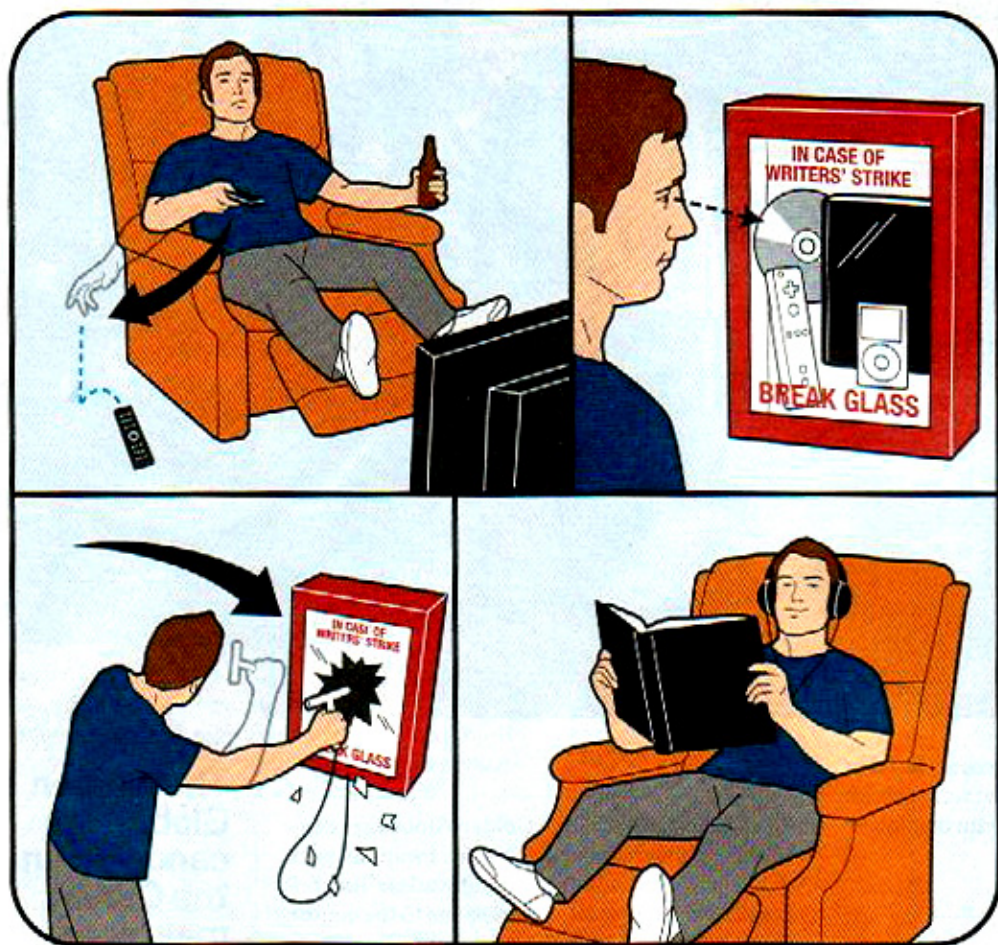


You Too Can Survive the Strike!



Don't worry. Just because Conan had to fend for himself in this time of need doesn't mean that you're all alone too. If nothing else, the writers' strike has forced us to ask ourselves a tough question: Is it possible to be truly entertained—nay, pass even a smidge of prime time!—without new episodes of *CSI*, *30 Rock*, and *Grey's Anatomy*? The answer, we assure you, is yes. Read on to find 67 creative ways to get your pop culture fix—including tips on what to watch, download, and play from EW's critics and assorted celebrity experts.

Get Ready to Audition for 'Project Runway 10'

After the first season of *Project Runway* inspired me to hone my not-so-mad stitching skills, I took a bunch of classes at Manhattan's fun, laid-back Sew Fast Sew Easy—and I've got the stylin' dresses to prove it. So how about it, *Runway* fans? You could become the next Jay McCarroll, Chloe Dao, or (if you're kind of mean) Jeffrey Sebelia by taking up the needle and thread now. Those here in NYC can visit the holy grails of fashion education, Parsons and FIT, which offer non-degree courses to us laypeople. Inquire at your local fabric shop, or check out such online options as sewing.patternreview.com. Sure, you won't master bias cuts and ruching overnight, but *Runway* should still be going strong when the strike is over (season 4 is currently averaging 2.9 million viewers), which leaves you plenty of time to build a rockin' portfolio. —Missy Schwartz

