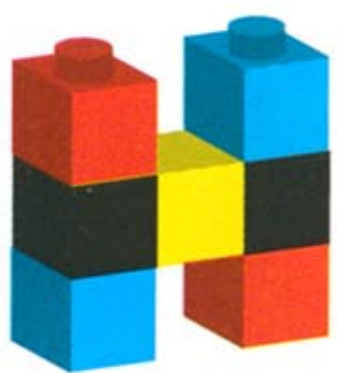




54 GQ 02.2009 | TOM SCHIERLITZ

We know you've had a million reasons to feel doom and a certain gloom lately. We also ▶▶



I'm so hungry I could eat an Apatow.



Seth Rogen, too thin



Give this woman another statue.

Burp.



- 37 • YES, THE GOP IS FLAILING, THRASHING, AND DAMN NEAR CONVULSING IN A DESPERATE ATTEMPT TO RESUSCITATE ITSELF.
- 38 • But our guess is that all the turmoil will create A PARTY WORTH VOTING FOR AGAIN.
- 39 • If you look back at the history of comedy over the past forty years, a pattern emerges: FUNNY THRIVES IN LEAN TIMES (AND VICE VERSA). Eddie Murphy on *SNL* in recessionary 1980; Eddie Murphy singing "Party All the Time" in booming 1985. Jim Carrey and lots of Wayanses on *In Living Color* in 1990 (bearish); Wayanses defect by the mid-'90s (bullish). Jon Stewart hits his stride on *The Daily Show* in the post-dot-com meltdown of the early '00s; a few very lucrative years later, Dane Cook's *Retaliation* goes double platinum. (Smell ya later!) All of which means we must be about to enter an era of truly unprecedented hilarity.—Sarah Goldstein
- 40 • THE UNFORTUNATE EXCEPTION: SETH ROGEN, PAINFULLY LEAN IN THESE LEAN TIMES. Please, Seth, return to your God-ordained size.
- 41 • 2012 IS THAT MUCH CLOSER, and when it passes, author/*End of Days* enthusiast Daniel Pinchbeck and the rest of the Mayan-apocalypse believers will finally have to shut up.



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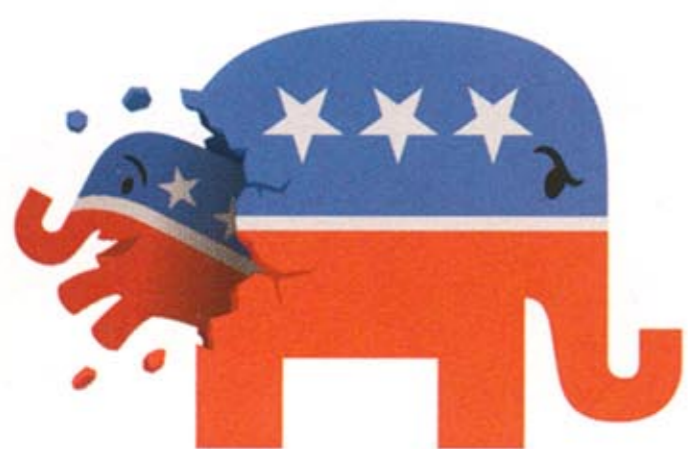
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OXFORD SHIRTS BY GAP, BIRDWELL BEACH BRITCHES, FILSON BELTS, AND GRAY VANS. These things were in style, are still in style, will never go out of style.



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The GOP: a stronger party, coming soon



46 • THE FACT THAT THIS IS OUR FIRST FAMILY.

47 • ESPECIALLY COMPARED TO THIS.



48 • BECAUSE MARISA TOMEI REALLY DESERVES THE OSCAR THIS TIME AROUND. And not just because she spends a few scenes in *The Wrestler* completely naked.

49 • CHRIS PAUL, TONY PARKER, DERON WILLIAMS, JOSE CALDERON, DERRICK ROSE, RAJON RONDO—as fine a crop of point guards the NBA has seen since Magic Johnson, Isiah Thomas, and Dennis Johnson roamed the earth.

50 • THAT SAID, THE FUTURE BELONGS TO LEBRON. (For more on him, see page 68.)