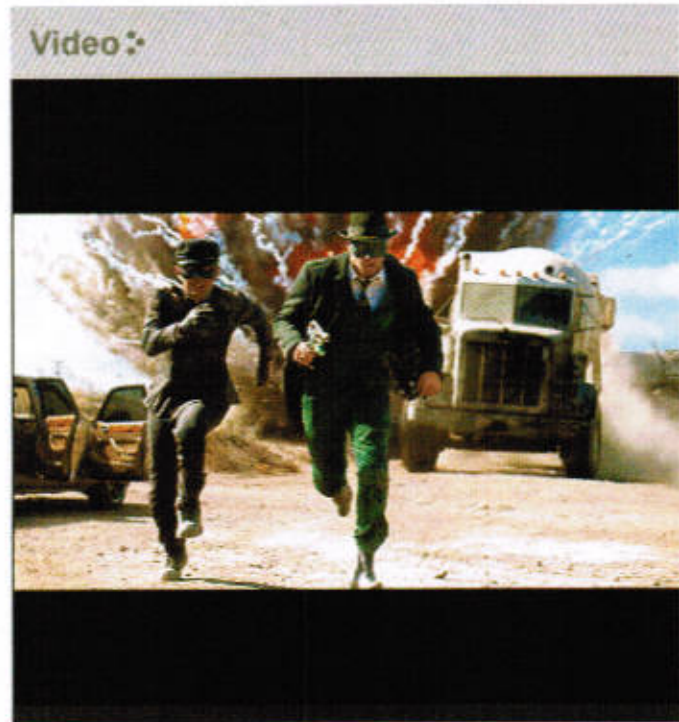


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## Movie review: 'The Green Hornet'

The Seth Rogen action comedy is in the running for most tedious superhero movie ever.



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By Kenneth Turan, Los Angeles Times Film Critic  
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"The Green Hornet" may not be the most tedious superhero movie ever — the competition is admittedly tough — but it is certainly in the running.

An amusing, 97-minute reworking of the action comedy persuasion, "Hornet" is a boring bromedy that features numbingly banal humor instead of the real thing.

Though the Hornet's been around since the eggs in various incarnations, including a TV series that featured the one-of-a-kind Bruce Lee as his sidekick Kato, the Hornet's technically not a superhero at all. Rather, like his animal kingdom cohort Batman, the Hornet fights crime from behind a mask with just his ordinary human powers, plus a few inventions like a tricked-out Chrysler Imperial.

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Invention, however, is what's lacking in this latest version. Neither director Michel Gondry nor star Seth Rogen (who also co-wrote with Evan Goldberg) has been able to bring even a semblance of life to an inert character. Rogen's character favors by converting to y-d line in the game.

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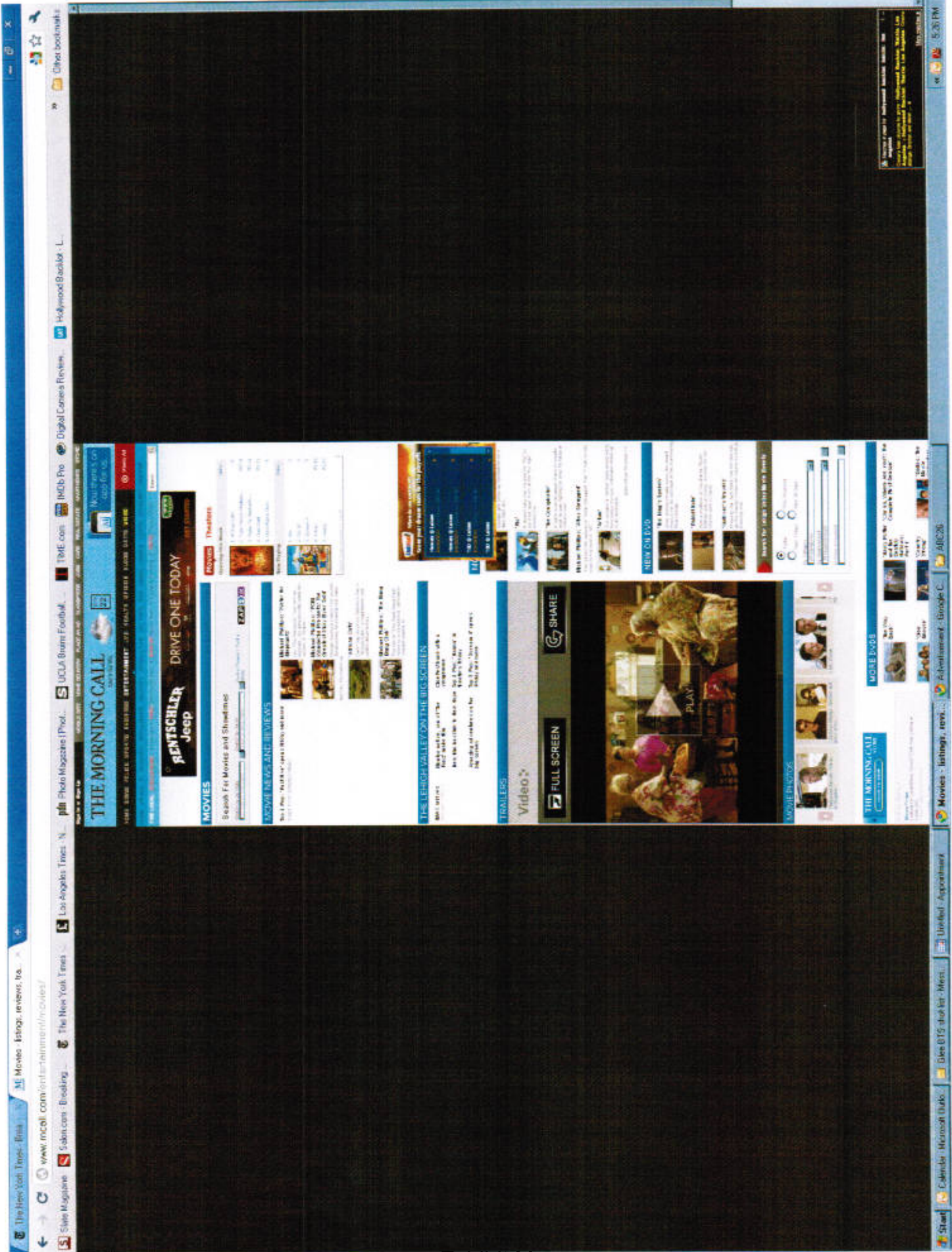
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 By Peter Shanley, Los Angeles Times Film Critic  
 March 11, 2011

Before we begin, a moment of silence please for all the brick and mortar that made the ultimate sacrifice for "Battle: Los Angeles." So. Let me just grab a tissue. Sorry.

Let us not forget the rockets that glared, the bombs bursting in air either. The pyrotechnics are painful, scalding, and clearly the star of "Battle: Los Angeles," so don't let the light shots of Aaron Eckhart's chiseled jaw and chest distract you.

The movie, directed by Jonathan Liebesman, is very much in the tradition of those old World War II films you find on late-night cable: with rickety fighter planes engaged in long skirmishes that you can't follow, all that we'll see is our lone, a few more men are shown

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