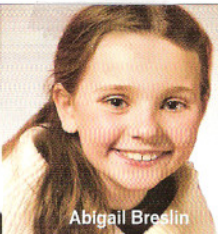




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The Motel
Jeffrey Chyau,
Sung Kang, Jade Wu
 Unrated, 76 mins., 2006

In this sweet 'n' sour comedy, 13-year-old Ernest Chin learns about "weekly" (poverty) and "hourly" (sex) while cleaning his family's motel. When puberty hits, he turns not to his Chinese mom (who makes stereotypical cracks like "You did not win, you got honorable mention"), but to a hard-partying motel guest for older-brotherly advice.

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