

# DAILY NEWS

## The World According to Shorts

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*Compilation of six wide-ranging international short films. At Cinema Village (1:35). Not rated. In Spanish, Norwegian, Polish and Portuguese with subtitles.*

The perfect antidote for anyone sick of overlong blockbusters, this diverse selection packs six films into just 95 minutes. Among the best is "La Perra," a sharp little satire about a bored Chilean couple with odd fantasies concerning their housekeeper. Also worthwhile is the serio-comic "United We Stand," in which several Norwegian men find that no good deed goes unpunished when they rescue a woman from a swamp.

The best of the bunch, however, is the palpably authentic "The Old Woman's Step," in which an elderly Brazilian makes a simple, and unforgettable, gesture of love toward her grandson.

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