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THE NEW WORLD (2007, MVD, unrated, \$22) — What constitutes a family? That's the theme of a French fertility comedy about a couple of lesbians who decide the time is right to have a baby. It's not a full-scale triumph — the characters aren't developed and some situations are sitcomish — but director Etienne Dhaene has a knack for creating intimacy. The film exudes a cozy charm. Extras: none.

— Amy Longsdorf