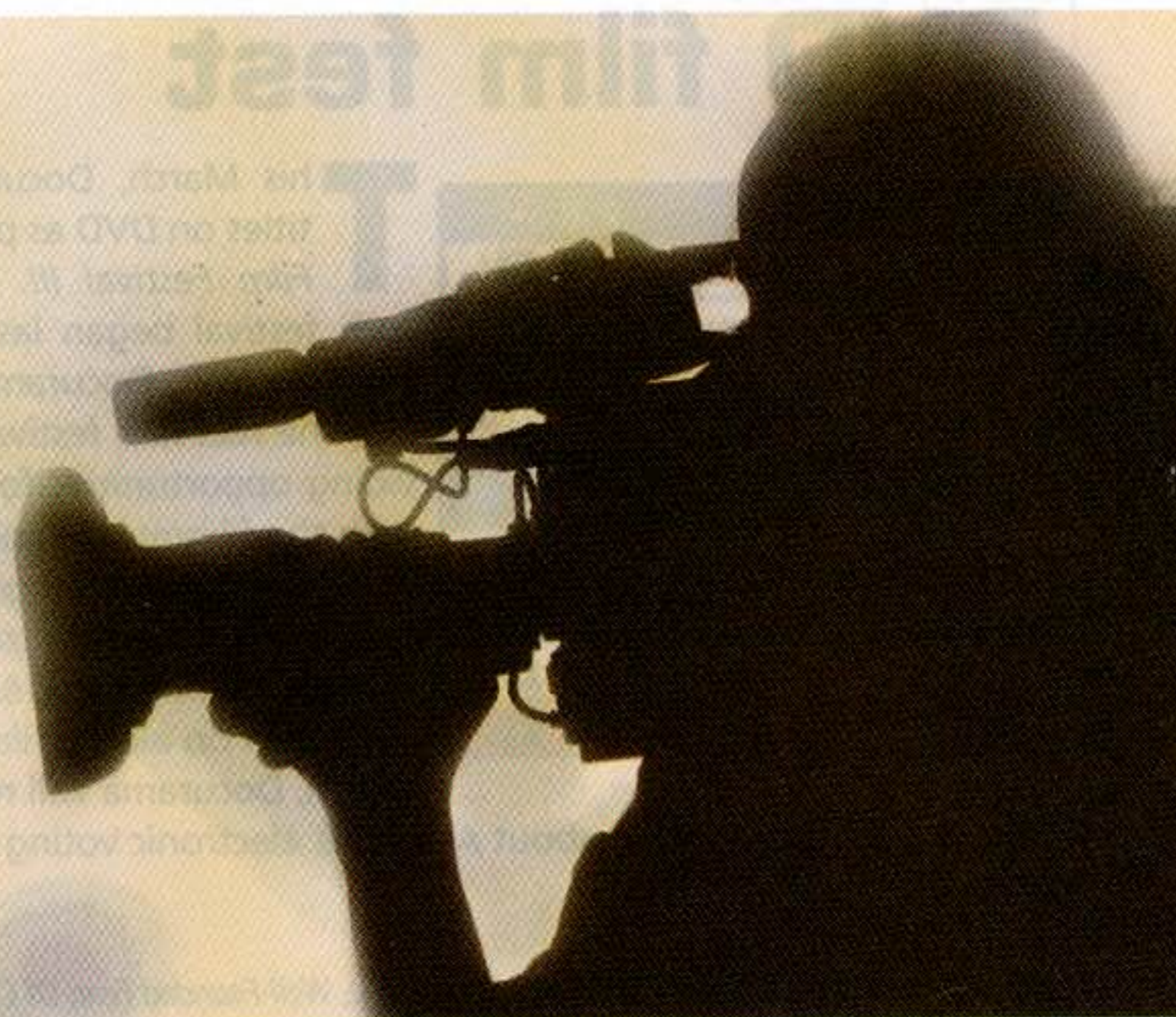


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Among the next releases from Microcinema, which specializes in programs that explore the art of the moving image, is *Las Pozas: Steps & Falls*, a DVD-ROM that takes the viewer on a virtual tour of the Mexican fantasy garden of art patron Edward James. The program was recorded with a specially calibrated tripod that allows 360-degree views so viewers can look up at the jungle canopy overhead, down at the concrete steps and platforms and all around. Also coming from Microcinema is *African Skies*, which shows the peace and wonder of Kenya in time-lapse views that can be seen in a continuous loop. —Cindy Spielvogel

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