

Business beat

Candlelit dinner enhanced

Coffee-maker adds romantic aura

By EDO VAN BELKOM
Whenever somebody asks Markham's Frank Gulanowski what he does for a living, he answers "I'm in the business of fine dining and romance."

Actually, he's a salesman, but what he sells is something to cap off an intimate candlelit dinner at any fine restaurant or at home.

The Cona Coffee brewer is admittedly a coffee maker. It whips up your average cup of Java — it brews your coffee

without aid of electricity, at your table, while you watch.

"It adds atmosphere to a romantic evening," Mr. Gulanowski says of the brewer that has been popular in Europe for decades.

"It's a conversation piece. You can watch it brew right in front of you and you can smell the coffee being brewed. Everyone loves the smell of coffee," he said, while demonstrating the brewer at Tea Masters, on Main Street in Markham.

The brewer itself looks like a piece of art and it works on scientific principles first applied to coffee making in England in 1910. The physical principals of a vacuum are used to brew medium ground coffee to perfection.

Here's how it works: Water goes in the bottom bowl, coffee in the top. A glass rod is placed into the glass tube that extends

into the bottom bowl. A methyl hydrate fed flame heats the water to 208 degrees Fahrenheit sending it up the tube to the coffee. About 90 seconds later you snuff out the flame and the coffee without grinds rushes back into the bowl below with one big "slurp"

The brewer works just as well with tea.

Mr. Gulanowski says response to the Cona has so far

been extremely positive. Since its introduction to the market in November, last year, he has sold about six dozen.

They start at \$139 for a 2-cup model and go up to \$179 for a gold plated 8-cup brewer.

The Cona is available at several stores in the Markham area, including, The Coffee Loft, Tea Master's, P.A.M.S. and The Kitchen Door.



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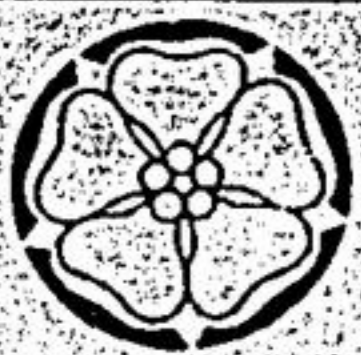


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Effective immediately, applications for transfer to Unionville High School by new residents will be accepted for Sept. 1987, along with a copy of the home purchase agreement indicating either a closing date or occupancy date. When enrolment projections for Sept. 1987 are clearer, transfers will be approved up to 1,650. It is not anticipated that there will be many spaces available.

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Markham's Frank Gulanowski pours coffee from the Cona brewer, a new coffee maker on the market. Cona brews coffee without electricity, at your table. Mr. Gulanowski is the Canadian sales agent for the Cona.

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