

# SUN-TRIBUNE PEOPLE



Jason "Human Kebab" Parsons (right) and Ash Buchholz are Ubiquitous Synergy Seeker. They plan to release their first album late this year.

Stouffville's Jason Parsons spins turntables to Edgefest, top of Toronto radio charts

## Radio play, bigger gigs sound good to USS

BY ALYSHIA HIGGINS

Patience and persistence are paying off with big-time gigs and radio play for a Stouffville man and his Markham partner in music.

Stouffville's Jason "Human Kebab" Parsons, 29, and Ash Buchholz, 30, are taking the music world by storm.

The duo are members of Ubiquitous Synergy Seeker, a band that's quickly gaining recognition, and top ratings, at radio stations around the country.

"The analogy I like to use is that we've been paving the runway for a while, and the asphalt is finally ready. All of our diligence and persistence has delivered," said Mr. Buchholz, vocalist and guitarist.

"Gone are the days where somebody gets up one day and plays a show and they're a superstar," said Mr. Parsons, who works the turntables.

"You have to stick to the grind and work and network and get to know people."

The pair met in 2004 and have created music ever since.

The pair released their first single, Hollowpoint Sniper Hyperbole, and it quickly went to

► Go to [myspace.com/ubiquitousynergysseeker](http://myspace.com/ubiquitousynergysseeker) for more information on the band.

No. 1 at 102.1 The Edge.

Their music incorporates pop, drum, bass, folk and a handful of world music samples as well.

Their music isn't the only unique thing about USS.

"I make a smoothie at the end of each set," Mr. Buchholz said. "I take the energy from that show and ingest it, and take it to our next."

In addition to being heard on radio, the duo have been asked to play several shows, including headlining the second stage at Edgefest at Downsview Park in Toronto July 12.

Other acts on the bill include Linkin Park, Stone Temple Pilots and the Sam Roberts Band.

They play the World Electronic Music Festival in Madawaska, Ont., July 18, 19 and 20.

They were recently in Portland, Maine, where they worked with world-renowned musical engineer Bob Ludwig.

They're also hoping to release their first full-

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Jason Parsons  
of the band USS

length album at the end of this year.

"We're just going to keep laughing our way to the top," Buchholz said, adding he and Mr. Parsons have learned not to take themselves "too seriously".

"We're looking at taking it overseas and international," Mr. Parsons said.

Mr. Buchholz also has another goal.

"I want to make smoothies on every continent so that we can really get the full course of DNA across the world."

For more information on USS go to [myspace.com/ubiquitousynergysseeker](http://myspace.com/ubiquitousynergysseeker)

Tickets for Edgefest are available by calling 416-870-8000.

## 680 News weather man brightens Cubans' days with bikes

Harold Hosein is best known as an on-air meteorologist.

But, today the 680 News weather man is in northern Whitchurch-Stouffville at work with his charity.

The native of Trinidad and Tobago founded Recycle Your Bicycle, a non-profit volunteer organization that collects and ships unwanted bikes and bike parts to Cuba, in 2003.

During his first visit to the country the year before, he was astonished to see residents riding 50-year-old bikes.

Volunteers from The Orion

► For more details on the charities, go to [orionfoundation.ca](http://orionfoundation.ca), [haroldhosein.com](http://haroldhosein.com) or [recycleyourbicycle.com](http://recycleyourbicycle.com)

Foundation and Recycle Your Bicycle are packing a shipping container of medical equipment and other supplies to send to Cuba at home near Ballantrae today.

The equipment includes hospital beds, mattresses, wheelchairs, centrifuges, cardiac carts, crutches and canes, while the supplies include computers and

monitors, a treadmill, an exercise bike, clothing and possibly some bicycles, if room allows.

"Once again, Canadians are proving that they have very large hearts and are more than willing to help the less fortunate in other countries," Mr. Hosein said.

The Orion Foundation, a non-profit organization, has helped save thousands of lives by sending HIV meds to sub-Saharan Africa in recent years.

It also works along side the Recycle Your Bicycle program,

which has sent more than 1,500 bicycles to the Cuban people, as well as medical equipment, clothing, shoes, computers, sewing machines and more to help the underprivileged and sick.

"All of these good works have been accomplished with the contributions of concerned and committed citizens," Orion Foundation CFO James Arion said. "The Orion Foundation and Recycle Your Bicycle are simply outlets for their generosity."

— Jim Mason

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### Lincolnton GO station opening in September

GO Transit users can use a new station starting this fall.

The new Lincolnton Station, at Bethesda Road and Tenth Line, is now slated to open in September.

It was to open last month.

"This is a growing area, and this (new station) will take the pressure off the existing Stouffville station," said Ed Shea, manager of marketing and communications for GO.

The new station will feature parking for 150 cars, with room for expansion, kiss 'n ride lanes for passenger pick-up and drop off and be fully accessible for wheelchairs.

The station will also have ticket vending machines as opposed to an attendant in a booth.

While construction on the station is "virtually finished", according to Mr. Shea, GO is working with CN to finalize the logistics of the route.

Before becoming the new station, GO used the existing property as a layover-yard.

### Old-school fun in park

It's a return to the good, old days.

You're invited to the Old Tyme Picnic Saturday, July 26, from 2-4 p.m. in Stouffville Memorial Park.

The event is a celebration of Drowning Prevention Day.

Featured events will include:

- old time games by the Whitchurch-Stouffville Museum;

- art activities by Latham Gallery;

- games, puzzles and storytelling by the public library;

- face painting by Boston Pizza;

- music under the gazebo by local musicians and;

- water games at the pool with prizes to be won.

For more information, call 905-642-7529 ext. 0.

Musicians interested in performing should e-mail [brian.osullivan1@sympatico.ca](mailto:brian.osullivan1@sympatico.ca)

### Nothing to do, you say?

Looking for something to do this weekend?

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