

Teen Idol Pays for Status

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David Cassidy, at age 21, has a head start toward earning his first million.

Young Cassidy, as every teenager in America knows, co-stars on "The Partridge Family" series for ABC-TV and is featured on the top-selling "Partridge Family" records.

The super-star of the teeners admits it's heady stuff to be today's hottest TV and recording personality, but it has a high price.

Since becoming number one, Cassidy has been forced to move secretly, at night, to

a new house. The address is unknown and the house is never allowed to be photographed.

There are times when he has to leave the studio at night hiding on the floor of his car, which a friend drives past the waiting throngs of fans. It's the only way David can leave in one piece.

His license plate has been changed often to protect his car from souvenir-hunting fans and his ever-changing phone number is as closely guarded as the hot line to the White House.

Despite the problems involved, David appreciates his new status, not to mention his growing bank account, but he is the first to admit it's scary. "Listen," he smiles, "I'm grateful for everything. I'm still amazed all those kids will turn out to see me in person."

"But as a performer, I've been overwhelmed. I've wanted to be in show business since I could first talk, and to be accepted in just one season is fantastic!"

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