

David Cassidy Slams 'Idol' Years

NEW YORK (UPI) —David Cassidy says his years as a teen idol on TV's *The Partridge Family* made him "an emotional midget — a wreck."

The sugary sweet show about a musical family helped him launch a successful singing career in which he produced hits like *Cherish*, but he gave it up for horse breeding in 1976. This month, Cassidy began recording a country-flavored album in Nashville. "I'm in control of my career now," he told *Rolling Stone*. "But back then it was in control of me."

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