

It could be worse; You could be in Toledo

What makes David Cassidy proud? "I retired and left at the top," the bubble-gum pop singer told *People* magazine. "I didn't end up playing some lounge in Toledo, and that means a lot to me." And probably to Toledo. Cassidy's rocket to fame wound up in spinning out of orbit after "The Partridge Family's" four-year run ended in 1974.

"I was on my way to becoming a serious and credible actor when I chose to do this one job, a pilot," he said, "and then I became this thing — David Cassidy, the thing." At 40, the thing is busy cutting a new rock album, due in stores by fall.