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# House of Love totters but the band stands tall

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**NEW HAVEN** — Riding high off big success at home in England and strong import sales in the U.S. from their debut LP, House of Love marched into the studio in early 1989 hot to do a follow-up.

"We had recorded the first album in, like, a week and it did very well in England. But we got stuck making the second album," said Chris Groothuizen, bassist for the band that plays Toad's Place Tuesday night.

"It was, like, all of a sudden we had time on our hands and money to spend in the studio, and we didn't know what to do with it."

Much agonizing, one new guitarist and nearly a

## IN BRIEF

**Event:** House of Love, with Those Melvins

**Time:** 9:30 p.m. Tuesday

**Place:** Toad's Place

**Tickets:** \$7.50, \$9 at door

**Info:** 777-7431



British band House of Love — Pete Evans, left, Guy Chadwick, Chris Groothuizen and Simon Walker — is on a two-month tour of the States.

year later, the quartet finally dragged itself out of the studio with its self-titled first U.S. release.

"We made a lot of mistakes," Groothuizen said during a recent call from Philadelphia. "It took six months to find out that we just had to do the album to please ourselves. And then we went from there."

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The 12-song "House of Love," written by singer-guitarist Guy Chadwick, mixes pop sounds with influences of Echo and the Bunnymen and the Velvet Underground.

Included is a re-recorded version of "Shine On," the single that helped get the band attention in '88. It's a catchy tune with a delightfully slurpy "S" in the "she-she-she-shine on" chorus.

Though another single, a harder-edged cut titled "I Don't Know Why I Love You," recently peaked at No. 2 on Billboard's Modern Rock chart, the LP hasn't broken above No. 170.

That soon may change as House of Love makes its first U.S. tour, a two-month blitz that began May 15. Groothuizen (the "T" is silent) said the band will headline each club date.

Guitarist Simon Walker replac-

es Terry Bickers, who quit shortly after the final "House of Love" sessions.