

HOUSE OF LOVE

Seeking an honest guy

HOUSE OF LOVE'S guitarist Guy Chadwick has been in America all of eight days, but he seems right at home at the Ivy, a trendy Beverly Hills power



lunch spot, ogling the likes of Joan Collins, Ed Bradley and the Corinthian leather man himself: "Give me \$300 and I'll walk on my knees to Ricardo Montalban and go, 'Boss, de plane, de plane!'" he laughs.

The U.S.

could be Guy's own fantasy island very soon, should his group's self-titled LP duplicate its success in Europe. There House of Love has been dubbed the best U.K. guitar band since the Smiths. They formed in 1986 with guitarist Terry Bickers, bassist Chris Groothuizen and drummer Peter Evans. Their sound evokes the Velvets, the Doors and punk group the Only Ones. And while songs like "Beatles and Stones" look back to the '60s, they know rock can never replicate that cultural clout because those groups "sucked the marrow out of the bone.

"I may come across as extremely confident, but I'm insecure," Guy admits. "I can't understand rock stars telling people how to vote. I've got opinions, but I don't have to inflict them on everybody. We won't say we're anything we're not."

And with that Guy is off to check out Joan Collins.—Roy Trakin