House of Love / The Catherine Wheel / Ocean Colour Scene • On this triple bill of currently fashionable British outfits, the headliners are the most fascinating, marrying uplifting vocals to animated, textural guitars. The Catherine Wheel plays with the contrast between sleepy soundscapes and bursts of distorto-noise, and Ocean Colour Scene has a knack for melodic pop with just a hint of the hippie in it. *Doors open 7 p.m. (all ages), First Avenue, 701 First Ave. N., Minneapolis, 338-8388. Tickets $8 in advance, $10 at the door.* —Goetzman

Material Issue / Mighty Lemon Drops / Too Much Joy • The men of Material Issue, while pretty sharp with a pop hook, are awfully precious in person, and the Mighty Lemon Drops are downright dull. Which leaves the outrageous Too Much Joy to inject some spirit into this show — and they've got it in abundance, with lyrics like "Wish I was black, wish I was gay" and a killer cover of "Seasons in the Sun." *Glam Slam, 110 N. Fifth St., Minneapolis, 338-3383. Tickets $10 in advance, $13 at the door.* —Goetzman