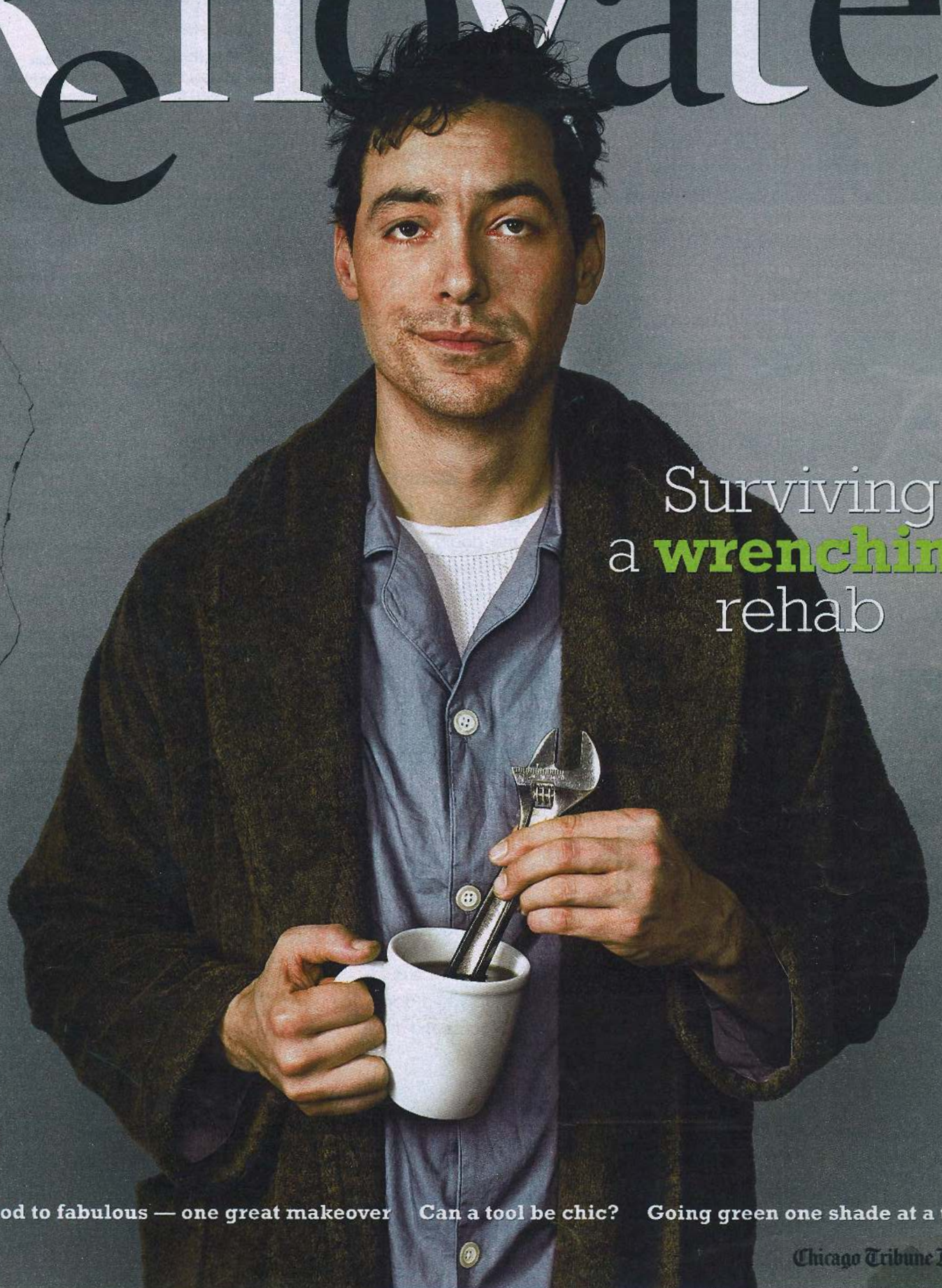


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**A sleek vintage living room,** a kitchen that soars, a grownup game room: The best renovations may start out as dreams but you won't need a couch and a Freudian to dissect these very personal visions. Instead we've asked a trio of Chicago's most respected architects to deconstruct the construction of some uniquely tailored client requests.

## Accessible beauty Bannockburn

**What it was** (or was going to be): The original blueprints called for construction of your run-of-the-mill English country kitchen.

**What it is:** A fully accessible kitchen for a tenacious 8-year-old boy with special needs who whips effortlessly around this house in his wheelchair. Inspired by his fearlessness, lead architect Jeff Eichhorn at Orren Pickell Designers and Builders created a wide-open 500 square foot kitchen that's as beautiful as it is obstacle-free.

**What we love**

■ The soaring beamed ceiling: "We let the vaulted ceiling define the kitchen, rather than walls or thresholds," says Eichhorn of get-