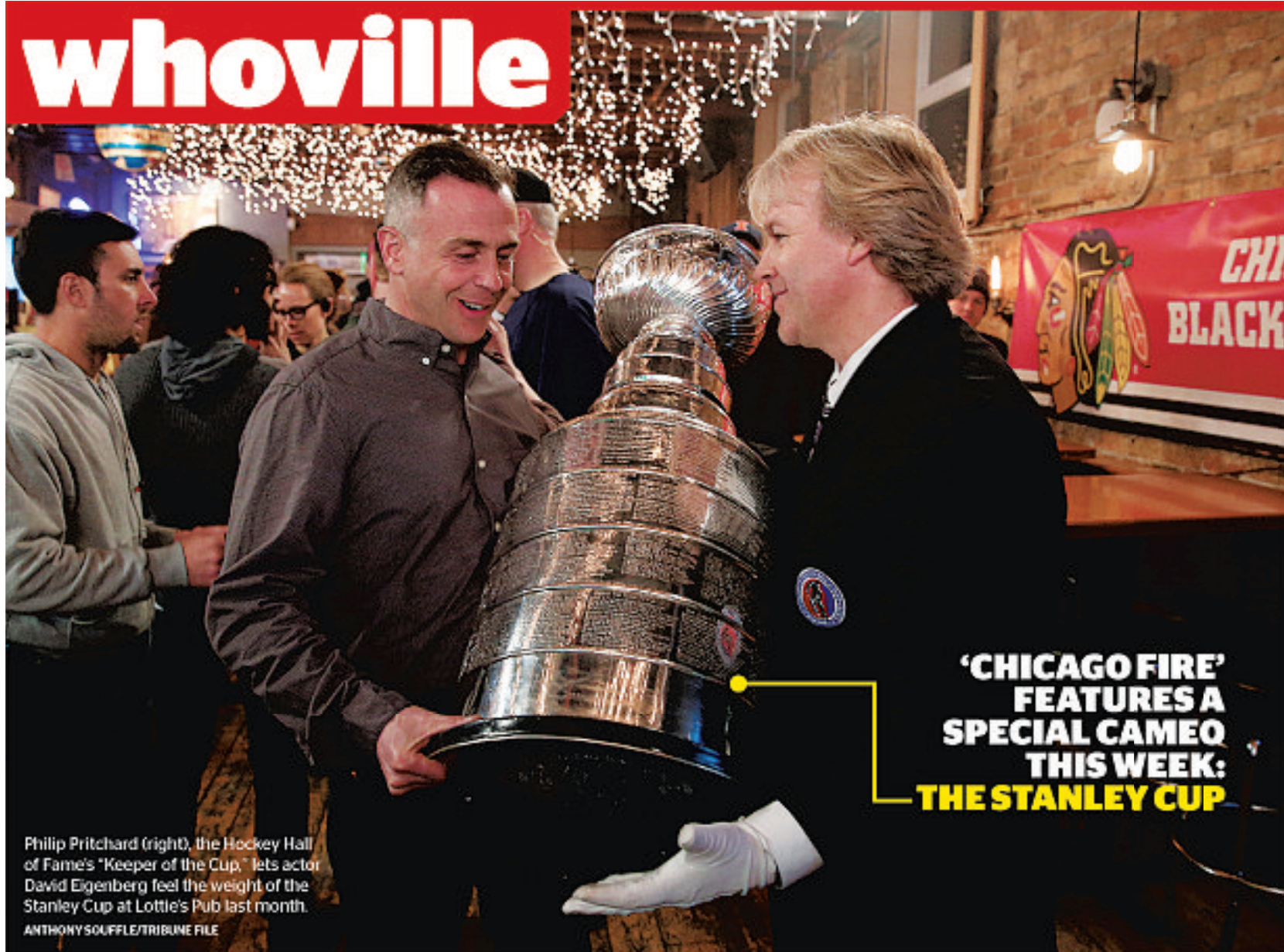


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Philip Pritchard (right), the Hockey Hall of Fame's "Keeper of the Cup," lets actor David Eigenberg feel the weight of the Stanley Cup at Lottie's Pub last month.

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**'CHICAGO FIRE'  
FEATURES A  
SPECIAL CAMEO  
THIS WEEK:  
THE STANLEY CUP**

## Fired up for hockey



ABOUT LAST NIGHT

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More than two years after the Blackhawks brought the Stanley Cup to Lottie's Pub, the NHL's most prized possession returned to the Bucktown bar for a cameo on the NBC firefighter drama "Chicago Fire."

The episode featuring the Stanley Cup airs Wednesday and was filmed April 12 at Lottie's—known as Molly's on the Dick Wolf-produced series. An NHL spokeswoman said the trophy's appearance on the episode, which has to do with a fundraiser at Molly's, is a promotion of sorts for the NHL playoffs currently airing on NBC Sports Network.

The stars of the show are no strangers to hockey. Taylor Kinney and Jesse Spencer have attended a handful of Blackhawks games while in Chicago filming the series, including Marian Hossa's 1,000th game in March, and they said their interest in the sport has increased significantly during their time here.

"I think a lot of that has to do with this city," Kinney said while on the set with the famous trophy. "We started going to Blackhawks games when they were on their winning streak. You could feel the electricity in the [United Center]."

Like Kinney, Spencer has taken part in the Shoot the Puck challenge during Blackhawks games. But unlike Kinney, who said he played street hockey growing up, Spencer, an Australian, said he had never played hockey before taking part in the challenge in February.

"That's my new favorite sport," Spencer said by phone April 28. "I didn't get into it until I came

here. I'd been to one game before that with Hugh Laurie while we were in Vancouver shooting the pilot for 'House.' I'd never touched a hockey stick in my life before I got to Shoot the Puck."

Kinney and Spencer also have attended Cubs, Bears and Bulls games while in Chicago (Kinney brought his girlfriend, Lady Gaga, to a Chicago Bulls Charities fundraiser at the United Center in January) but, ironically, have yet to attend a Chicago Fire soccer game at Toyota Park.

"No Fire games, oddly enough," Kinney said. "I think they're mentioned in this [Stanley Cup] episode. I'd love to go see a game."

One "Fire" cast member who has attended a Fire game is Eamonn Walker.

"I think Eamonn did the coin toss at a Fire game," Spencer said. "We let the Englishman handle that one."

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### ALSO SPOTTED ...

» "America's Got Talent" judges Mel B and Howie Mandel were on hand Tuesday to support "Talent" host Nick Cannon as he DJed at Hub 51's lower level club, Sub 51.



» The Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade (above) and actress Gabrielle Union dined Friday at Siena Tavern. Fellow Heat star Chris Bosh had lunch there Saturday.

» Ne-Yo watched the Bulls-Heat game at Public House on May 6 and performed Tuesday on behalf of his rum brand, Malibu Red, at Nikki nightclub.

» Ryan Cabrera had brunch May 4 at Rockit Bar and Grill and was spotted at Ay Chihuahua that night.

» "Shark Tank" stars Daymond John and Lori Greiner had dinner May 2 at Tavern on Rush.

### HEADS UP



» Sheryl Crow and Cirque du Soleil will perform at Macy's Glamorama on Aug. 9 at Millennium Park. The theme for this year's festivities—which benefit Ronald McDonald House Charities—is Fashion in a New Light.