

A look behind the scenes: Director Mendes & crew



Crews bundled up against the cooler temperatures and the drizzle as they capture the made-over Main Street in West Dundee on film.



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Main Street in West Dundee looks like the picture of another time as film crews transformed the block with fake snow, "new" store fronts and antique cars to create a Depression-era set for Sam Mendes' new film, "Road to Perdition."



Much to the delight of about 500 gathered fans, Tom Hanks walks back to his trailer after acting in a bank robbery scene. Sightings of the star happened frequently during the filming as Hanks spent time around the set and his trailer.



Above, clean-up crews remove fake snow from the second floor of Emmett's Tavern and Brewing Co. after local filming of scenes in "Road to Perdition" wrapped up in West Dundee. Left, Director Sam Mendes works with camera operators while taping a scene outside the facade for Peerless Pharmacy during work on his new film, "Road to Perdition." Mendes' last film, "American Beauty," garnered much critical and popular praise, and it earned several Academy Award nominations, including one won by Mendes for best director.