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Famous People Encountered on the Street

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Dear Diary:

A friend of my wife's who was visiting asked if she had ever seen "Frank."

"Frank who?"

"Frank from 'Blue Bloods,' the TV show."

"Sure, we once saw Tom Selleck walking down Park Avenue," my wife said.

Her friend was staggered, unable to imagine a city where, without a ticket or intent, you just run into famous people. So we made our list:

Neil Armstrong, Bill Irwin, Fran Lebowitz, Woody Allen, America Ferrera, Conan O'Brien, Neil Patrick Harris, Jane Fonda, Ted Turner, Ivanka Trump, Emma Watson, Katie Couric, Henry Kissinger, Dr. Ruth Westheimer, Richard Meier, Frances McDormand, Joel Coen, Robert Duvall, Ben Stiller, Jeffrey Tambor, Reese Witherspoon, Cyndi Lauper, Al Pacino, Steve Kroft, Emma Thompson, Candice Bergen, Spike Lee, Robert De Niro, Bruce Springsteen, Sting, Dianne Wiest, Charlie Rose, Peter Bogdanovich, Mike Nichols, Téa Leoni, Larry Bird, Blythe Danner, Beverly D'Angelo, Bob Balaban, Liam Neeson, Natasha Richardson, Jessica Lange, Stephen King, Phil Donahue, Marlo Thomas, Richard Gere, Uma Thurman, Dan Marino, Chris Rock, David Hockney, Keith Richards, Steven Van Zandt, Marisa Tomei, Rhea Perlman, Tina Fey, Scott Pelley, Matt Lauer, Roberto Alagna and Ralph Lauren.

We wanted to include Pope Benedict XVI, Pope Francis and President Obama, but they didn't meet the criteria. We had to stand behind a barricade to see them.