

Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with Star Trek For Boston-Legal.org's Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom Episode: There's Fire [02x17: airdate: February 28, 2006] by Debb

Trek Speak: "What are we going to do...Beam me to Boston every day?" One of the most enduring catchphrases from Star Trek would be "*Scotty, beam me up.*" (audio clip) Alan to Denny: "So how are your various Enterprises?"

Theme 1: Not all marriages are created equal

Certainly, at 11 marriages between them (Denny Crane (6) and Beverly Bridge (5)), this even tops the Denobulans (ref: Enterprise) who are "typically polygamous (polyandrous), where a man typically has three wives, who each have three husbands. This creates extremely large extended families. (source: <http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Denobulan>)

Phlox had 720 familial relationships, 42 with romantic possibilities. In addition, Denobulan marriages are not exclusive, and married Denobulans can be intimate with anyone they choose.

It would seem that Bev and Denny would be right at home in the 24th century living on the Planet Denobula.



<http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Image:Phlox2154.jpg> ENT: Dr. Phlox, a Denoblian male aboard Enterprise (One very happy alien)

Theme 2: Where There's Smoke



screen cap from thablkpanda (Christopher D. Merchant)
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SMOKING IN THE FUTURE

(source: www.imdb.com/title/tt0084726/trivia):

1. (WoK) The "No Smoking Is Permitted On Bridge" sign from the first scene was removed in later bridge scenes when Gene Roddenberry complained that smoking would not exist in the future. "

(source: www.ee.surrey.ac.uk/Contrib/SciFi/StarTrek/FAQ.html):

2. TNG: Holodeck characters are often smoking.
3. TNG: Data smokes a pipe when he roleplays Sherlock Holmes in the holodeck.
4. TNG: Beverly was smoking a cigarette on the holodeck and just about gagged.



www.bbc.co.uk/cult/st/gallery/images/340/tngdata07.jpg TNG: Cmdr. Data roleplaying Sherlock Holmes with pipe

Of course, a girl after Kirk's heart would be smoking cigars.



www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200309/movi-a-smokin-martia/240x320.jpg Martia, a chameleon from The Undiscovered Country played by Iman.

Theme 3: Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner, René Auberjonois, Joanna Cassidy, Corbin Bernsen (Attorney Eli Granger), Patti Yasutake (Dr. Claire Simon).



<http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Image:Q2TNG.jpg> Corbin Bernsen portrays Q2 a member of the Q Continuum in TNG: Déjà Q.



http://unclebubby.com/starstruck/trek_expo_2003.htm Phillip (Phil) Weyland appears uncredited in almost all the Star Trek movies often as William Shatner's stunt double.



http://memory-alpha.org/en/wiki/Image:Alyssa_ogawa.jpg Patti Yasutake plays the recurring role of Nurse Alyssa Ogawa (16 episodes) portrayed here in TNG: Lower Decks