Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org Season Three, Episode 2: (03x02) New Kids on the Block Airdate: Sept 26, 2006] by Debb from Montreal

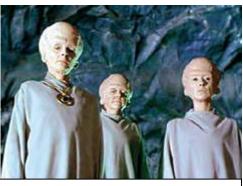
Theme 1: Notable Shorts: It seems that Captain Kirk (as well as all the series Captains) and Denny Crane have had their share of woes from small folk (short, dwarves, midgets, and kids!). Throughout all the series, little aliens have wreaked havoc upon the various Starships including Balok, played by Clint Howard, in The Original Series, in a memorable performance. Clint Howard later went on to play other little people as the Ferengi "Muk" in Enterprise's "Acquisition" and DS9's "Past Tense, part 2". Captain Kirk also suffers at the hands of the Platonians in "Plato's Stepchildren", the episode credited with the first televised interracial kiss between Kirk and Uhura.



TOS: Balok (Clint Howard) is the bane of Captain Kirk in "The Corbonite Manoeuvre" http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/1/1b/Balok_actual.jpg



Dunn) from Platonius. A dwarf who served as a jester and slave to the other Platonians. This episode saw the first televised interracial kiss. http://memory_ alpha.org/en/images/6/61/Alexander%2C_Plato%5C%27s_stepchil dren.jpg



TOS: "The Cage" Talosians capture Captain Pike, first Captain of the Enterprise in the pilot episode. <u>http://memory-</u> <u>alpha.org/en/images/2/24/Talosians 3.jpg</u>



TNG: "11001001" Bynars "named One Zero and Zero One who work as a unified pair hijack Enterprise's computer http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/c/c8/Bynars.jpg

Other small aliens appearing in Star Trek:

Boston Legal's Little People: (My apologies if "Little People" isn't the preferred term.)



Season 1, Episode 8: "Loose Lips". Deborah Lee Carrington as Patty the Elf" (note: Not to be confused with Debb from Montréal) http://a.abc.com/primetime/bostonlegal/intranet/General_Office/evi dence to delete/images/Alan-Santa.jpg



Season 3, Episode 2: "New Kids on the Block". Denny breaks up with Bethany over salad. http://i107.photobucket.com/albums/m308/rubypearl 2006/nkotb7.jpg

Theme 2 - "Look-alikes"

Robert Walker Jr. plays Charles Evans in "Charlie X". A 17 year old with telekinetic powers who is unable to integrate into society. His first crash on Yeoman Rand ends up in an attempted rape.

Ashton Holmes appears as Scott Little (coincidence? I think not!) in New Kids on the Block. The resemblance between Ashton Holmes and Robert Walker Jr. is uncanny.





Theme 3: Denny: "I hear they breed like gerbils." He said gerbils... but he meant tribbles!

Star Trek Alumni: William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Armin Shimerman (Judge Brian Hooper),



DS9: Armin Shimerman as Quark and René Auberjonois as Odo www.startrek.nl/pictures/guark-odo.jpg