

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek
For: Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom, Boston Illegal
Episode: The Cancer Man Can [02x11; airdate: January 10, 2006]**

Theme 1: The Lookalike – Joanna Cassidy



Joanna Cassidy in Boston Legal
http://abc.go.com/primetime/bostonlegal/slides/episode_10/index.

Beverly Bridge not only bears a resemblance to Dr. Beverly Crusher from TNG and Generations... but she's also Star Trek alumni appearing as T'Les on Star Trek Enterprise "Awakening" (episode # 4.8) 26 November 2004 "Home" (episode # 4.3) 22 October 2004



Gates McFadden as Dr. Beverly Crusher in Star Trek: TNG
www.startrek.com

Theme 2: Star Trek Alumnus



Joanna Cassidy as T'Les in Startrek Enterprise
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Joanna Cassidy as T'Les (the mother of T'Pol) in Startrek Enterprise
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Theme 3: Six degrees of Separation

Two of the most famous time travellers meet in the Cancer Man Can. Namely, Captain James T. Kirk and Marty McFly. This intricate connection includes Christopher Lloyd who portrayed Marty McFly's mentor, Dr. Emmett Brown, in Back to the Future I, II, and III as well as Kirk's arch enemy in STIII.



<http://www.jimag.de/Krieger/kruge-Dateien/image001.jpg> Michael J. Fox dresses up as a visitor from the planet Vulcan and flashes the Vulcan Live long and Prosper in Back to the Future



Christopher Lloyd as Cmdr. Kruge [Star Trek III: The Search for Spock](#) (1984) who murders Kirk's son, Dr. David Marcus

Theme 4: How William Shatner Changed the World?

The star trek "chirp" on Denny's new phone was the one that had me smiling.

Theme 5: Let Them Eat Cake



http://www.geocities.com/ktesh_kag/desserts2.htm Marina Sirtis is no cheesecake. She appears in a dream to Lt. Cmdr Data as a "cellular peptide cake" with mint frosting.

In the TNG episode "Phantasms" Lt. Cmdr Data has nightmares and dreams he cuts a "cellular peptide cake" that is in the shape of Counselor Troi.

Data later ATTACKS Troi... Spader refers to Hands as a walking encyclopaedia and Data is virtually an encyclopaedia...

The cake scene at the end of the Cancer Man Can is the catalyst which sends "Hands" over the edge.