

**Boston Legal Themes and Allusions in Comparison with StarTrek
For Parallel Universe: Trek in the Courtroom for Boston-Legal.org
Season Finale: Spring Fever (02x26) and Los Angeles (02x27) airdate: May 16, 2006]
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Theme 1: Love is in the Air: Spring is the season for lovers and certainly for Denny Crane and Alan Shore (who declares that it is women who find him). In the Star Trek universe, several races and culture experience sexual cycles in variety of seasonal peaks and heightened intensity and with violent overtones. As far as Vulcans are concerned, that peak occurs every seven (7) years. In TOS's "Amok Time", Captain Kirk and Commander Spock engage in a battle to the death for at the whim of Spock's betrothed, the Vulcan princess T'Poling.



TOS: "Amok Time" Kirk and Spock battle to the death at the whim of T'Poling
www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200306/tos-034-spock-and-kirk-battle/320x240.jpg



TOS: "Amok Time" the Vulcan princess T'Poling played by Arlene Martel
<http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/2/2d/T'Poling.jpg>

Speaking of heightened sexual desire, the Vulcans aren't the only race in the StarTrek universe that has violent courting rituals. The Klingons can be violently amorous during their "blood fever".



TNG: "The Emissary" K'Ehleyr (Suzie Plakson) works out her frustrations on the holodeck
www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200306/tng-146-worf-joins-k-ehleyr-in/320x240.jpg



DS9: "You are Cordially Invited" Jadzia Dax (Terry Farrell) holds a blade to Worf's (Michael Dorn) throat during their mating ceremony
<http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/2/2d/T'Poling.jpg>

Theme 2 - Postcards from the Edge of the galaxy. If Los Angeles is La La land than the Star Trek equivalent has to be Risa, the pleasure planet.



ENT: "Two Days and Two Nights" The Suraya Bay resort on Risa
<http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/9/9b/Risa2152.jpg>



TNG: "Captain's Holiday" A tourist resort on Risa
http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/8/81/Risa_tourist_resort.jpg



ENT: "Two Days and Two Nights" Lt. Cmdr. Tripp (Connor Trinneer) enjoys the nightlife on Risa (R: DonnaMarie Recco)
http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/8/81/Risa_tourist_resort.jpg

Theme 3: Alt U Crane: Denny Crane meets Barry Gold aka west coast Denny Crane. Really two sides of the same coin as it were. Similarly, in every Star Trek series, there is a story arc involving an alternative (mirror) universe whereby the crew meet themselves in an alternate timeline. Captain Kirk meets his alterego in the TOS episodes "Mirror, Mirror" and "The Enemy Within". Following Star Trek series had their own respective episodes of mirror universe characters including: ENT: "In a Mirror, Darkly" DS9: "Crossover" "Through the Looking Glass" "Shattered Mirror", "Resurrection", "The Emperor's New Cloak". Although Voyager didn't have an episode concerning mirror universe, there were two episodes that pay homage to a different timeline of history: "Living Witness" and "Author, Author".



TOS: "The Enemy Within" Kirk and Spock in their mirror universe uniforms.
<http://www.startrek.com/imageuploads/200303/tos-039-kirk-plants-a-revoluti/320x240.jpg>



TOS: "The Enemy Within" Sulu and Uhura as their mirror universe selves.
[http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/3/38/Mirror Universe Sulu and Uhura 2268.jpg](http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/3/38/Mirror%20Universe%20Sulu%20and%20Uhura%202268.jpg)



ENT: "In a Mirror, Darkly, Part II". Empress Hoshi (Linda Park) [http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/2/24/Empress Hoshi Sato %28mirror%29.jpg](http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/2/24/Empress_Hoshi_Sato_%28mirror%29.jpg)



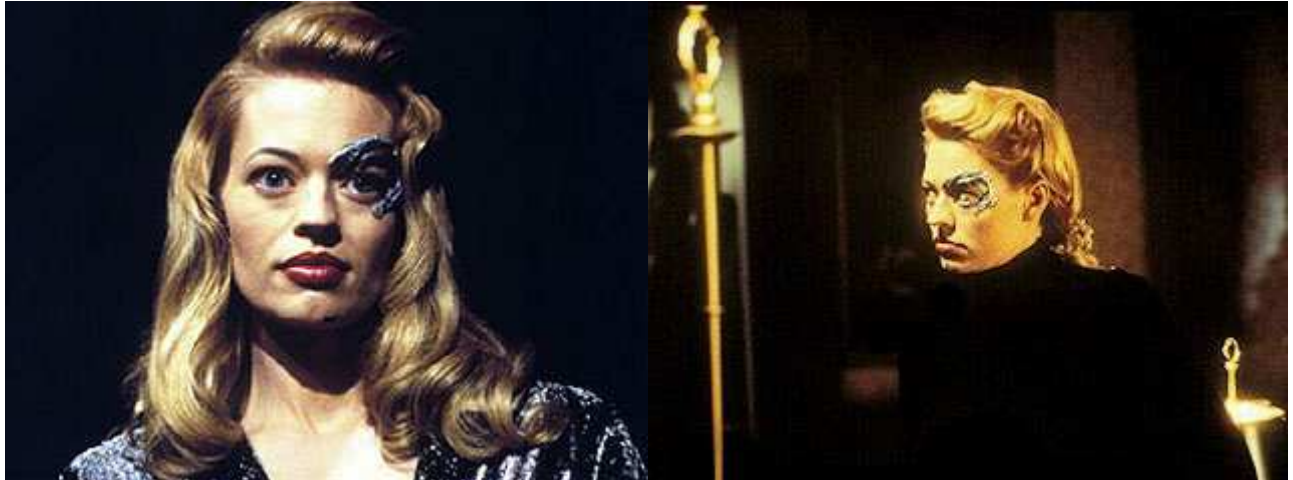
ENT: "In a Mirror Darkly: T'Pol (Jolene Blalock)
www.triphammered.com/PhotosExtras/MUTPol.jpg



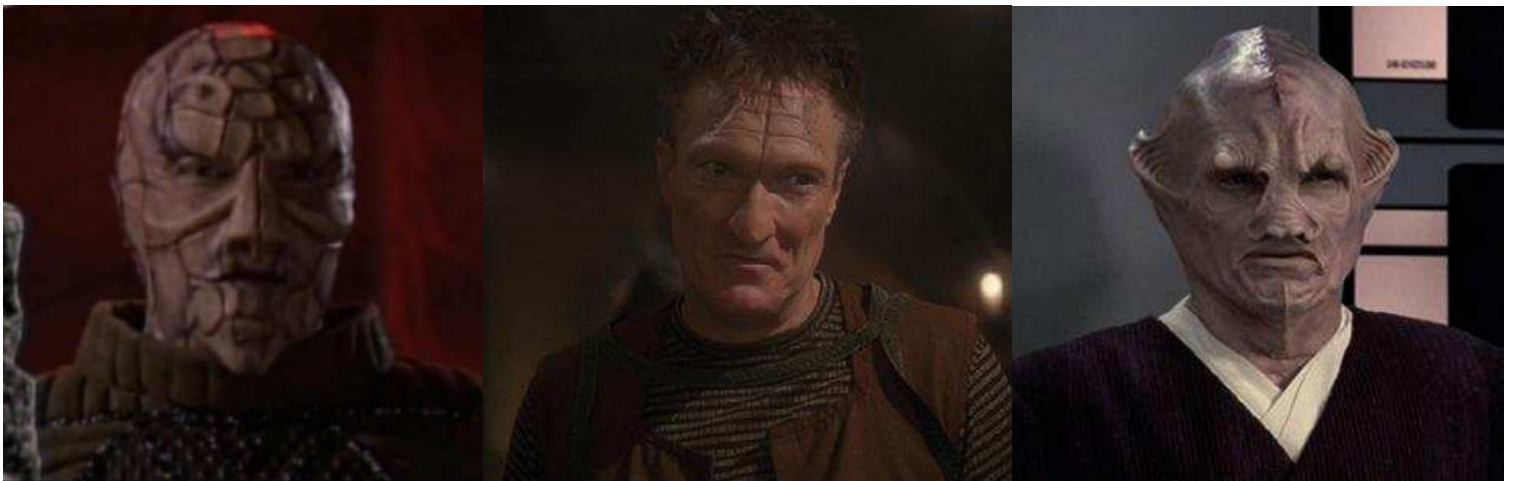
DS9: "Crossover" Intendant Kira Nerys (mirror) in 2370.
[http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/9/90/Intendant Kira.jpg](http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/9/90/Intendant_Kira.jpg)

Theme 3 - Star Trek Alumni

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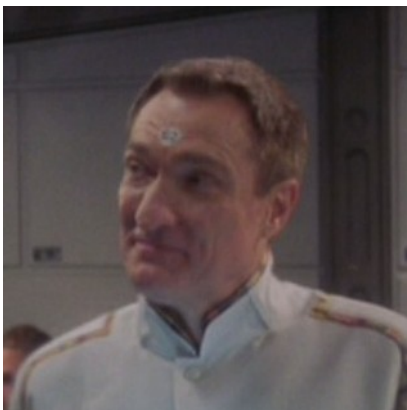
Voyager's Seven of Nine as portrayed by Jeri Ryan as an agent of the French underground in a hologram gone awry during WWII in "The Killing Game". www.startrek.com



TNG: "Face of the Enemy" Dennis Cockrum portrays a Corvellen Freighter Captain <http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/5/52/Corvallens.jpg>

ENT: "The Communicator" Cockrum portrays an alien barkeep http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/1/14/Bartender_the_Communicator.jpg

VOY: "Live Fast and Prosper" Dennis Cockrum is Mr. Orek, Chief of Telsian Mining Operations http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/c/c5/Orek_telsian.jpg



(ENT: "Two Days and Two Nights") Dennis Cockrum as Freebus, a Risian official <http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/b/b8/Freebus.jpg>

Dennis Cockrum also provided several voices for the game "Star Trek: Bridge Commander", including that for Captains Robert DeSoto and Gregory MacCray, as well as Commander Jonathan Willis.

Los Angeles: William Shatner (Denny Crane), René Auberjonois (Paul Lewiston), Jeri Ryan (Courtney Reese), Robert Foxworth (Judge Simon Devon), David Burke (D.A. Casey Mathias), Dennis Cockrum (Detective Gary Jacobs),



ENT: "Kir'Shara", "Awakening", "The Forge" Robert Foxworth as the Vulcan Administrator V'Las
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VOY: Jeri Ryan as Seven of Nine in her famous catsuit.



VOY: "Someone to Watch Over Me"
David Burke appears as a holographic regular guy with whom 7of9 practices her social skills.
http://memory-alpha.org/en/images/5/5a/Steven_Price.jpg