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## New DVD shows 'Star Trek' actors in enterprising TV roles in the old West

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"Space: the final frontier," intones Capt. James T. Kirk at the beginning of episodes for the series "Star Trek." For actors William Shatner, who played Kirk, Leonard Nimoy (the ever-logical Mr. Spock), DeForest Kelley (the always solemn Dr. McCoy) and James Doohan (the excitable Scotty), it wasn't always that way.

["Trek Stars Go West"](#), a new DVD compilation on the racks Dec. 7 from Johnny Legend, shows the Trek actors as actors in Western TV roles outside the "Star Trek" series.

Nimoy stars as three different types of bad guys in 1960 episodes of "Bonanza," "Outlaws" and "Tate," the latter also featuring a very young Robert Redford.

Shatner is seen in two-part episode of "Outlaws" as a king of thieves. The cast also includes Cloris Leachman, Jack Warden, Victor Buono and Edgar Buchanan. He also stars in the 1968 movie "White Comanche" filmed during the run of the "Star Trek" series. Joseph Cotten co-stars.

But they don't all play bad guys. DeForest Kelley plays a rancher hassled by outlaws in an episode of the classic TV show "The Lone Ranger" from 1949. And James Doohan plays characters on both sides of the law in a brief segment and additional full episode of "The Last of the Mohicans" from 1957.

These are all acting jobs none of the actors had at the top of their resumes, but if you're a Star Trek fan or a fan of old and rare television shows, this collection has some things not usually found on DVD and is an interesting look back at TV history.

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