

EVENTS

Kerry Washington shines as Anita Hill in ‘Confirmation’

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“Confirmation,” HBO’s compelling new film about the infamous Clarence Thomas Supreme Court nomination hearings, comes with a promotional tagline that, at first glance, perplexed me: “It only takes one voice to change history.”

That one voice, of course, belonged to young law professor Anita Hill, who came forward to accuse Thomas of sexual harassment. But I wondered: How did Hill, who is played with smooth conviction by “Scandal” star Kerry Washington, alter history? Thomas, after all, was able to fend off her damaging accusations and land on the high court, where he still sits 25 years later.

Thankfully, the solid screenplay by Susannah Grant (“Erin Brockovich”) serves as a reminder that Hill’s explosive testimony before the Senate Judiciary

Committee triggered a national conversation about the way we perceive sexual harassment and victims’ rights. It also emboldened women to speak out about their workplace abusers while triggering a series of social, political and legal changes.

“Confirmation” arrives on the heels of FX’s drama about the O.J. Simpson murder trial and, like that highly addictive series, it whisks us back in time and recalls the details of a lurid spectacle that had us riveted to our TV sets.

It, too, contains a timely resonance when you consider that another Supreme Court vacancy is at hand and another rocky confirmation process awaits.

In 1991, after veteran Justice Thurgood Marshall announced his intention to retire, President George H.W. Bush nominated Clarence Thomas (played by Wendell Pierce) for the Supreme Court. He looked like a slam-dunk choice, until Hill reluctantly came forward.

With the eyes of a nation upon her, she claimed that,



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Jeffrey Wright and Kerry Washington in “Confirmation”.

when she was a lawyer working for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, Thomas, her former boss, made unsolicited advances toward her, spoke regularly of pornography and his sexual prowess and boasted about his below-the-belt anatomy.

Mirroring Hill’s demeanor in those incendiary hearings, Washington is all grace under fire, delivering the graphic allegations in a calm, composed and measured manner while nailing every nuance. Pierce’s Thomas responds with indignant outrage, famously label-

ing the Senate hearings as a “high-tech lynching.”

“Confirmation” uses plenty of actual 1991 news footage that lends context to the film and reflects the mood of the country as the bizarre political theater played out. In one clip, NBC’s Tom Brokaw con-

cludes that, “We have gone from shock and discomfort now to a combination of anger, depression and shame.”

Indeed, all those emotions are evident, especially as the film depicts Republican members of the all-male Judiciary Committee, led by Democrat Joe Biden (Greg Kinnear), scrambling behind the scenes to dig up dirt on Hill. Ultimately, Biden, looking to put a lid on the circus, refused to call other witnesses (including one played by Jennifer Hudson) who would have backed up Hill’s claims — a decision that essentially handed the narrow victory to Thomas.

As “Confirmation” winds down, the frustrated Hill camp is a picture of weary resignation, looking as if their efforts were all for naught. But somewhere out there, an angry feminist storm was gathering, and you can feel the changes coming in “Confirmation.”

‘CONFIRMATION’
When: 8 p.m., Saturday
Where: HBO

Things to Do

BANGOR — 2016 BDN Garden Show on the theme of Carnival, with more than 100 vendors and activities, noon-6 p.m. Friday, April 15, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday, April 16, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, April 17. \$8 per person; free for under age 12. Tickets available online through ticketmaster.com or by visiting the Cross Insurance Center box office during business hours. bdnmaine-gardenshow.com.

BANGOR — Chicken pie supper and music show, Saturday, April 16, Bangor Grange Hall, 1192 Ohio St. Supper for \$8, 5:30 p.m.; the Drowned Valley band for \$8, 7 p.m.; or both for \$14. 973-3976.

BANGOR — Contradance with music by Whale Skull and John McIntire calling, Friday, April 15, Unitarian Universalist Society Church, 120 Park St. Beginners’ session, 7:30 p.m., dance, 8 p.m. \$8. 941-9727, bangorcontra.org or bangorcontra@gmail.com.

BANGOR — Homemade chicken pie supper with homemade rolls and pies, 5:30 p.m. Saturday, April 16, Bangor Grange hall, 1192 Ohio St. Drowned Valley playing gospel, bluegrass and old time music, 7 p.m. Supper \$8; show \$8; or both \$14. Benefits renovations to historic Grange hall. 973-3976.

BELFAST — Bluebird advocate Jeff Nims giving free, public slide talk, “Protecting fledglings from Deadly Blowflies,” 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, Belfast Free Library Abbott Room.

BREWER — Bangor Singles Club dances, 8 p.m.-midnight Fridays, Brewer Eagles Club, 22 Atlantic Ave.: Mainely Country, April 15; Prairie Dogs, April 22; Country Mist, April 29. Marilyn, 827-5751.

BREWER — Outdoor yard sale and flea market and indoor craft fair and bake sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 16; 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, April 17, Brewer Housing Authority, 15 Colonial Circle. Benefits housing authority community summer programs for children, including meal program. 385-6345 or jazzndazzi@aol.com.

BRUNSWICK — Brunswick Downtown Association and Maine State Music Theatre hosting ladies’ night out, 6-8:30 p.m. Friday, April 15, Maine State Music Theatre rehearsal space, 22 Elm St. Must be over 21 to attend. \$30, includes one Diva cocktail, hors d’oeuvres and desserts. Cash bar. Features chair massage, consults with hearing and optical specialists, run-

ning shoes and sports bra fitting, selecting proper undergarments, skin analysis, hot paraffin hand treatments, raffles for jewelry, hypnosis gift certificates, photo session with professional photographer and theater tickets. brunswickdowntown.org/events/celebrate-your-inner-diva/.

COLUMBIA FALLS — Smelt fry, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, April 16, Downeast Salmon Federation, 187 Maine St. Part of the Alewives: Small Fish, Big Impact series of community events. Activities run through May. http://islandreadersandwriters.org/alewives or 244-5111.

EASTPORT — Sunday Afternoons at the Eastport Arts Center series, 3 p.m. Sundays: open date for rescheduling possible snow-canceled programs, April 17; Mark DeVoto on Debussy’s Pelleas and Melisande, April 24. Free and open to all. Hot drinks and refreshments offered. Donations accepted.

GARDINER — Gardiner Music Walk, 5-8 p.m. Saturday, April 16, downtown businesses. Jazz, rock and soul. Free. Tipping of musicians encourage. Also face painting for children.

JONESPORT — Alewife story hour and art project, 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16, Peabody Memorial Library, 162

Main St. Part of the Alewives: Small Fish, Big Impact series of community events. http://islandreadersandwriters.org/alewives or 244-5111.

MACHIAS — Alewife story hour, 11 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16, Porter Memorial Library, 92 Court St. Part of the Alewives: Small Fish, Big Impact series of community events. http://islandreadersandwriters.org/alewives or 244-5111.

MILFORD — Baked bean supper to benefit The Animal Orphanage, 4:30-6 p.m. Saturday, April 16, Milford Congregational Church, 126 Main St. \$7 for adults; free for under age 12. Takeout available, 299-7324.

NEW SWEDEN — Food and craft sale, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, April 16, Gustaf Adolph Lutheran Church Svea Hall, 48 Capitol Hill Road.

PORTLAND — Portland native and singer/songwriter Keelan Donovan, 7-9 p.m. Sunday, April 17, St. Lawrence Arts, 76 Congress St. http://keelandonovan.com, 347-7177 or whitney.mcdorr@stlawrencearts.org.

ROCKPORT — Opening reception, “Current Student Work,” 5-7 p.m. Friday, April 15, Messler Gallery, Center for Furniture Craftsmanship, 25 Mill St. On display through May 25. 594-5611 or woodschool.org.

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SCARBOROUGH — The Scarborough Lions Club’s free community shredding by Without A Trace, 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, April 16, Saco & Biddeford Savings branch, 41 Gorham Road. Free-will donations benefit First Congregational Church of Scarborough Food Pantry. Up to three boxes of documents per household or business allowed. Gary Tapley, gtapley@maine.rr.com or at 883-9780.

TRESCOTT — Alewives: Small Fish, Big Impact series of community events, April and May,

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Cobscook Community Learning Center, 10 Commissary Point Road. Includes film screenings, book discussions, story hours, art projects, panel discussion and more. Free. http://islandreader-sandwriters.org/alewives or 244-5111.

WISCASSET — Old time country family dance

with Sharon Pyne and Friends, 6-8 p.m. Friday, April 15, Morris Farm, 156 Gardiner Road. \$5 at the door. Snacks available. 882-4080 or info@morris-farm.org.

For a complete listing of calendar items or to submit your event, visit www.bangordailynews.com.

SHOWTIMES VALID 4/15 thru 4/21 ALL SHOWS EVERYDAY
HOLLYWOOD CINEMAS
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The Jungle Book (PG) 12:50 3:00 5:00 7:00 9:00
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The Boss (R) 12:15 2:00 3:45 5:30 7:15 9:00
Zootopia (PG) 12:15 2:25 4:35 6:40 8:45
Batman vs Superman: Dawn of Justice 11:35 2:30 5:40 8:30
God’s Not Dead 2 (PG) 11:40 2:00 4:20 6:40 9:00
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Friday prime time

	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM
BROADCAST	2 NBC 207 Inside Ed. Caught on Camera Grimm (N) (HD) [TV-14]						Dateline NBC (N) (HD) [TV-14]	News	
	4 CBC NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Tampa Bay Lightning. (N) [G]						National NHL Hockey		
	5 CBS Big Bang Broke Girl The Amazing Race (N) [TV-14]				Hawaii Five-0 (N) (HD) [TV-14]		Blue Bloods (N) (HD) [TV-14]	News	
	52 CW Family Guy The Vampire Diaries (N) [TV-14]				The Originals (N) (HD) [TV-14]		News Seinfeld [TV-14]	Cougar	
	6 NBC 207 Inside Ed. Caught on Camera Grimm (N) (HD) [TV-14]						Dateline NBC (N) (HD) [TV-14]	News	
	7 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! Last Man (31) Dr. Ken Shark Tank (N) (HD) [TV-14]						(01) 20/20 (N) (HD) [TV-14]	News	
	WAGM FOX The Insider Ent. Tonight Hell’s Kitchen (HDTV PA) [TV-14]						News Big Bang	Big Bang	
	8 ABC Wheel Jeopardy! Last Man (31) Dr. Ken Shark Tank (N) (HD) [TV-14]						(01) 20/20 (N) [TV-14]	News	
	MPBN PBS PBS NewsHour (N) (HD) Washington Charlie Jazz Benny Goodman; Billie Holiday [TV-14]						Drama C. Rose		
	9 IND Blue Bloods (N) (HD) [TV-14]				The Amazing Race (N) [TV-14]		News-Lisa CTV News	Big Bang	
KIDS	13 CBS Ent. Tonight The Insider The Amazing Race (N) [TV-14]				Hawaii Five-0 (N) (HD) [TV-14]		Blue Bloods (N) (HD) [TV-14]	News	
	22 FOX Mod Fam Mod Fam Hell’s Kitchen (HDTV PA) [TV-14]						FOX 22 News at 10 (N)	Bones [TV-14]	
	33 IND M*A*S*H M*A*S*H Andy Griffith Happy Days Laverne Hogan Hero Hogan Hero C. Burnett								
	38 IND Big Bang Big Bang Bones (HD) [TV-14]						WBZ News (N) (HD)	Seinfeld [TV-14]	
	NICK The Thundermans [TV-14]	School	HALO Effect	Full House [TV-14]	Full House [TV-14]	Full House [TV-14]	Full House [TV-14]	Friends [TV-14]	
	DISN Liv-Mad. Mako Bunk’d [TV-14]	Stuck	Backstage [TV-14]	Liv-Mad.	Star-For.	Star-For.	Star-For.	K.C. Under.	
	FREE (5:30) ** The Notebook (2004)	** Dear John (2010, Romance)	Channing Tatum. (PG-13)					700 Club	
	HIST American Pickers [TV-14]	American Pickers [TV-14]	American Pickers [TV-14]	American Pickers [TV-14]	American Pickers [TV-14]	American Pickers [TV-14]	American Pickers [TV-14]	Pickers	
	DISC Alaskan Bush People: Or Alaskan Bush People: Origins (N) [TV-14]						Yukon Men (N) [TV-14]	Alaskan	
	TLC Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes Say Yes								
LEARN	A&E 60 Days In [TV-14]	60 Days In [TV-14]	60 Days In [TV-14]	60 Days In [TV-14]	60 Days In [TV-14]	60 Days In [TV-14]	60 Days In: Time Out [TV-14]	The First 48	
	ANPL Tanked [TV-14]	(01) Tanked [TV-14]					(05) Tanked (N) [TV-14]		
	CSNE SportsNet Early NBA Basketball						Sports SportsNet	Sports	
	ESPN 30 for 30				NBA Playoff Preview (N)		Chase for 72	SportCtr	
	ESPN2 SportsCenter (N) [G]	High School Basketball					NFL Live (N)	30 for 30	
	NBCSP NHL Live (N) [G]	NHL Hockey Chicago Blackhawks at St. Louis Blues. (N)					NHL Hockey		
	NESN MLB Baseball Toronto Blue Jays at Boston Red Sox. (N) [G]						Extra Red Sox	Sports	
	CNBC NHL Hockey Detroit Red Wings at Tampa Bay Lightning. (N Subject to Blackout)						American Greed	Greed	
	CNN Erin Burnett OutFront (N)	Anderson Cooper 360 [TV-14]	CNN Tonight				CNN Democratic Debate		
	FNC Greta Van Susteren	The O’Reilly Factor (N)	The Kelly File (N)				Hannity (N)	O’Reilly	
NEWS	MSNBC Hardball Chris Matthews	All In With Chris Hayes	Rachel Maddow Show				Hardball Chris Matthews	All In With	
	AMC (6:30) *** Back to the Future (1985, Comedy) (PG)	*** Back to the Future Part II (1989) Michael J. Fox. (PG)							
	BRV Housewives Housewives The People’s Couch (N) [TV-14]	Housewives/Atl.					The People’s Couch [TV-14]	Shahs	
	CMT Last Man Last Man Dude Ed Bass.	*** Gridiron Gang (2006, Drama)	The Rock, Xzibit. (PG-13)						
	COM Futurama [TV-14]	Futurama [TV-14]	Daniel Tosh: Happy	(8:58) Chris Rock: Never Scared [TV-14]			Chris Rock: Kill		
	E! E! News (N) [TV-14]	** Wild Things (1998, Suspense) Kevin Bacon. (R)					L.A. Clippers Dance	E! News [TV-14]	
	FOOD Diners Diners Diners Drive Diners Diners						Diners Diners	Diners	
	FX (5:30) *** Spider-Man	** Hansel & Gretel: Witch Hunters (2013) Jeremy Renner. (R)					Hansel & Gretel		
	GAC Top 20 Countdown	Flea Market Flea Market Flea Market Flea Market					Flea Market Flea Market	Flea Market	
	HALL Last Man Last Man Home Imp. Home Imp.	The Middle [TV-14]	The Middle [TV-14]				The Middle The Middle	Golden Girls	
VARIETY	HGTV Love It or List It [TV-14]	Love It or List It [TV-14]	Love It or List It [TV-14]				Hunters Hunters Int’l	Hunters	
	LIFE Atlanta Plastic [TV-14]	Atlanta Plastic (N) [TV-14]	Atlanta Plastic (N) [TV-14]				Mother/Daughter Exp.	Experiment	
	MTV Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show	Catfish: The TV Show				Catfish: The TV Show	Ridiculous.	
	OXY Quit Your Day Job [TV-14]	** The Perfect Husband: The Laci Peterson Story					Snapped [TV-14]	Snapped [TV-14]	
	SPIKE Cops [TV-14]	Cops [TV-14]	Cops [TV-14]	Cops [TV-14]	Cops [TV-14]	Cops [TV-14]	Cops [TV-14]	Cops [TV-14]	
	SYFY Charlie’s Angels	** Jeepers Creepers (2001, Horror) Gina Philips. (R)					Wynonna Earp (N) [TV-14]	Hunters [TV-14]	
	TBN Supernat. Potters	Trinity Hal Lindsey End/ Age Perry Stone					Praise the Lord		
	TBS Seinfeld [TV-14]	Seinfeld [TV-14]	Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang Big Bang				Big Bang Big Bang	The Detour	
	TCM True Stry-Lynn	*** For Me and My Gal (1942) Judy Garland. (NR)					** Girl Crazy (1943) Mickey Rooney.		
	TMC (6:00) ** U-571 (2000)	** Last Vegas (2013) Michael Douglas. (PG-13)					** The Hundred-Foot Journey (2014)		
PREMIUM	TNT Bones (ESP) [TV-14]	** Iron Man 2 (2010, Action) Robert Downey Jr. (PG-13)					*** Men in Black		
	TRAVEL Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at the Museum				Mysteries at the Museum	Mysteries at	
	TRU truTV Top Funniest [TV-14]	Carbonaro Carbonaro Carbonaro Carbonaro					Carbonaro Carbonaro	Hack	
	TVL Andy Griffith Andy Griffith	** Robin Hood: Men in Tights (1993) Cary Elwes. (PG-13)					King King		
	USA Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU				Motive (N) [TV-14]	Law-SVU	
	VH1 (5:30) *** Purple Rain	*** Dirty Dancing (1987, Romance) Jennifer Grey. (PG-13)					Dirty Dancing		
	WGN-A Person of Interest [TV-14]	Person of Interest [TV-14]	Person of Interest [TV-14]				Person of Interest [TV-14]	Person	
	HBO (6:35) * What Happens in Vegas (2008) (PG-13)	(15) ** Vacation (2015) Ed Helms. Rusty Griswold and family take a road trip to Walley World. (R)					Real Time With Bill Maher (N) [TV-14]	VICE (N) (ESP) [TV-14]	
	MAX (5:35) *** Jackie Brown (1997) Pam Grier.	(10) ** Point of No Return (1993, Suspense) (ESP) Bridget Fonda, Gabriel Byrne, Dermot Mulroney. (R)					Banshee Lucas and Carrie try to locate Job. (N) [TV-14]	Banshee (ESP) [TV-14]	
	SHOW (6:30) Murder in the Dark (2013) Luke Arnold. (R)	** Chappie (2015, Science Fiction) Voice of Sharlto Copley. A robot has the ability to think and feel. (R)					Boxing Nikolay Potapov vs. Stephen Young. (N) [G]		
STARZ	(5:25) Return to Me	(25) *** Monsters, Inc. (2001, Comedy) (ESP) Voices of John Goodman. (G)					*** The Rookie (2002) (ESP) Dennis Quaid. A mid-die-aged pitcher makes it to the Major Leagues. (G)	(10) Outland-er (ESP) [TV-14]	
	STZENC (6:10) *** Misery (1990) James Caan. (R)	*** The Shawshank Redemption (1994) Tim Robbins. An innocent man goes to a Maine penitentiary for life in 1947. (R)					(25) ** Pet Sematary (1989) Dale Midkiff. (R)		