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"FORMER STAR SEARCH WINNER SPIRALING TOWARDS STARDOM..."

A little more than two years ago, a tall, tan talented young lady answering to the name of 'nita whitaker was declared the winner in the female vocalist category of "Star Search," and walked off the \$100,000 grand prize to further pursue her career as an actress and entertainer.

Now two years later, this same talented young lady is about to become one of the bigger names in the acting and

entertainment field, and could very well become our next African American superstar.

Truthfully, the former 1990 "Star Search" winner couldn't be happier with the building success of her burgeoning acting and entertainment career here of late!!

Late in '91, 'nita was contacted by Grammy award winning producer David Foster who produced Natalie Cole's "Unforgettable" album that subse-

quently won the 'album of the year' award, and topped the field of Grammy nominees, winning in most categories. David was producing a demo on a song he had written for a feature motion picture about to go into production, and he wanted to have 'nita's voice on the demo. Before the demo was completed, David was asked to bring his singer to Warner Bros. Studios and perform the song live before studio executives and the films producer.

'nita's rendition of the song made a lasting impression on the executive producer of the film who turned out to be Kevin Costner, and the film project about to get underway was "Bodyguard." The same feature

film in which Whitney Houston makes her acting debut.

Aside from telling her how great she was as a singer, he also offered to help her if he could in the industry. Having read the script and being aware of some of the roles the production called for, 'nita asked if she could have the role of Sandra Castle, the Academy Award singer in the production. Without batting an eye, or giving it a second thought, Kevin told her, "the part is yours," and a week later she was on location before the cameras portraying the role of Sandra Castle the Academy Award singer in "Bodyguard."

The production of "Bodyguard" has since wrapped for editing, and word is it's scheduled for a late fall release date. When it's released, that's when movie goes around the world will get a chance to see and hear 'nita whitaker acting and singing in the Kevin Costner produced film "Bodyguard."

Shortly after completing her role in "Bodyguard," 'nita was sent to audition for a television series pilot being produced by Stonehenge Productions in association with Viacom Productions, Inc., for Fox Television Network. She won out over all the Hollywood hopefuls competing for the guest starring role in the "Key West" pilot production and was flown to Florida to play the guest starring role of "Ismene," a heart stopping beautiful black research assistant and aquatic expert working closely with Doctor Brexel-Marche the lead character, and his study of dolphins.

After completing her guest starring role on the Key West pilot, she headed for France where she was the headline entertainer for a two week engagement at the world famous Meridian Hotel. She was accompanied on this Paris engagement by her own musical back up group comprised of Mark Vogel, her musical director and keyboard player, John Menzano

SENTINEL-VOICE TOP 10 SINGLES

- 1.) END OF THE ROAD - Boyz II Men
- 2.) GIVING HIM SOMETHING HE CAN FEEL - En Vogue
- 3.) MONEY CAN'T BUY LOVE - Ralph Tresvant
- 4.) BABY, BABY, BABY - T.L.C.
- 5.) DEAR MR. PRESIDENT - Next Issue
- 6.) 1-4-ALL-4-1 - East Coast Family
- 7.) USE ME - Men At Large
- 8.) JUST MY LUCK - Alyson Williams
- 9.) HUMPIN' AROUND - Bobby Brown
- 10.) AINT NOBODY LIKE YOU - Miki Howard

NEW #1 SONG: END OF THE ROAD

PICK HIT OF THE WEEK:

HUMPIN' AROUND

FURTHERMORE: Boyz II

Men find themselves in

an ever popular position -

#1; Ralph T. continues an

upward swing with his

soundtrack cut Money

Can't Buy Love; Alyson

Williams and Bobby Brown

look like the only threats from the

bottom of the heap; Newcomer, (to the T'10), Miki Howard

should fare well in the rankings.

GOTTA SAY WHAT'S UP: To Warren Peace over at KUNV

91.5. Warren takes care of all the listening needs for those who

love to jam on Friday nights. From 8 P.M. - 10 P.M. Warren

and his cast of crazy guests put together a hip-hop/underground

show that is sure to set the weekend mode at high. Warren also

puts together and DJs some serious underground parties.

Watch for details of upcoming undergrounds in upcoming Top

10 Singles.

Top 10 listing compiled by

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BOYZ II MEN

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on bass, Hans Zermuehlen synthesizer, and Richard "Moon" Calhoun drums.

Returning to the states she was called to play role of a master sergeant in the Lifetime Cable Television Movie of The Week "Majority Rule," starring Blair Brown. Currently she's before the cameras for another guest starring role in the movie production "Betrayal Of The Dove," directed by Stratford Hamilton who was also the director of the CBS Schoolbreak Special, "Please God, I'm Only 17" last year, in which 'nita played a feature role.

Immediately following her last day of shooting on "Betrayal of The Dove," 'nita will jet to Miami, and board the S.S. Norway, a

Norwegian Cruise Ship to headline the entertainment package on a Caribbean Cruise getting underway Saturday, August 22nd, and returning to Miami Saturday, September 5th.

On September 14, Ms. 'whitaker who is also the former Miss Louisiana Beauty Pageant winner, will fly to Atlantic City, New Jersey, check into Caesars Palace and get ready to participate in the Miss America Beauty Pageant.

She will be singing "There's A Dream With Your Name On It" in the preliminaries of the '92 Miss America Beauty Pageant on the evening of September 15th.

There are several other major motion picture deals being talked about for the multi-talented actress/entertainer former "Star Search" winner.

With such a busy productive schedule contributing to her steady spiraling career, it seems like tall, tan, talented 'nita whitaker is well on the way to becoming one of America's newest stars of the 'silver screen', and in songs...and that's Hollywood this time!!

Until the next time, Lanier.