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Rising young actor back in town

ZANDISILE LUPHAHLA

THE popular Snakepark TV series lead actor Edwin Gagiano is the celebrity-invited judge for the Summer Heat talent search coming to Kimberley's Flamingo Casino tomorrow.

The 24-year-old Kimberley-based Gagiano, on a brief holiday to his home town, has landed more than 10 roles in the last three months, thanks to the talent search.

He has worked with Hollywood names such as Hugh Jackman and Sigourney Weaver, and has been taking the industry by storm, doing radio voice-overs, TV series, movies and theatre work.

His latest offering on SABC 2, Snakepark, is based on the role of a Johannesburg-based skateboarder and musician, Zak Verwey, who moves to live with his grandfather in Durban.

He becomes a professional skateboarder and conquers numerous challenges through the friendship he develops with his friends, Blessing, Mandla and Chris. The three-episode series airs on Saturday at 10.30am.

Gagiano's celebrity appearance as one of the judges in Summer Heat SA model and talent search was confirmed last Friday by talent scout Elsubie de Lange, director of the Applause Rising Talent

(ART) Showcase based in Orlando, Florida.

She signed him to Just You model and artist management in 2012. De Lange took him under her wing to attend the ART convention overseas and his local career took off.

"Together with Edwin we will host workshops for aspiring models, actors, singers and dancers for this talent showcase. Our aim is to help them achieve international success," she said.

Gagiano said: "Since my arrival in the US last year, I have had more than a dozen call-backs from Hollywood heavyweights, including Walt Disney Entertainment."

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TALENT SCOUT: Snakepark actor Edwin Gagiano is on Summer Heat.

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ZANDISILE LUPHAHLA

DA LEADER Helen Zille's results of the national election will come as a surprise to the province and the country.

Zille was flanked by DA premier candidate Maimane and North West's hopeful Andrew Louw at the party's provincial election festo launch at the Jim Hall in Kimberley on Monday.

Zille told her supporters the DA was growing in the province "and I expect the election result in the Northern Cape will surprise the opposition."

"What seemed unlikely a few years ago is today possible. We are already governing in the province, delivering the most services to more people than any other party," she said.

She promised that the government would probe the contracts in the provincial government. "Those that are corrupt will be cancelled. We will tender committees to ensure that anyone can see how the contracts are awarded."

She did not rule out the possibility of a coalition government with other political parties.

Council to sit today?

Court order gives Nama Khoi municipality the right to function

ZANDISILE LUPHAHLA

THE controversial Nama Khoi municipality is expected to hold its first council meeting today after operations were brought to a halt following a by-election in February last year.

The council had since failed to convene a meeting to adopt the municipal

budget in the last financial year.

The problems in the municipality began when a coalition led by the DA and Cope refused to relinquish power after losing a ward by-election to the ANC.

Cope municipal speaker Joshua Losper took the MEC for corporate governance, human settlement and traditional affairs, Alvin Botes, to

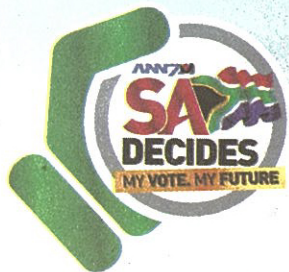
the Northern Cape High Court, to try and force him to fire eight ANC councillors who he claimed had absconded from three consecutive council meetings.

He lost three court appeals, with the judge ruling that he should convene a council meeting within 14 days. The deadline is today.

Losper said today's meeting would have the adoption of the municipal budget on its agenda.

ANC spokesperson Gail Parker

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