

Infighting bites 2010 LOC

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NEWSWATCH: The decision by Tim Modise, the chief of communications and marketing for the 2010 LOC to almost resign from the Organising Committee last week is because of infighting within the organisation, reports the *Sunday Times*

SABC News is planning to expand its bureaux into Brazil, China, Jamaica and Ethiopia by April this year and will be opening seven more by mid 2009 and five more by 2012, writes *City Press*. The newspaper also reports that the SABC has hired armed bodyguards to watch over its head of internal audits Elsie Oosthuizen, who is currently probing high ranking officials for corruption and fraud. Oosthuizen allegedly received threatening calls and was followed as she drove out of the SABC's offices in Auckland Park.

According to SABCnews.com, a memorial service for the late Isidingo star Ashley Callie, who played the part of Lee Haines in the soap opera, will be held on Thursday, 21 February 2008, at the Johannesburg Country Club. She passed away last Friday.

Weekend newspapers reports that the SABC has fired its event and marketing manager, Simphiwe Mthembu. According to an article that the *Sunday Sun* published, Mthembu was given an ultimatum to either resign or be fired for being incompetent. The Media24 title also wrote that Modise had not resigned as reported last week.

Avusa's daily newspaper *The Times* is on sale as of today at major traffic intersections in Johannesburg and Pretoria, reports its online sister, *The Times Online*.

In compliance with the terms of a court interdict, this week's editions of *You* and *Huisgenoot* uses black strips to cover up certain details in an article concerning the alleged sexual abuse of a pop musician, reports IOL.

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