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Mayor to break silence

He won't quit in remarks today, aide says

By DAVID JOSAR
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DETROIT — Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick emerges from seclusion tonight but does not plan to resign, an aide said, one week after devastating romantic text messages surfaced that contradicted the sworn testimony he and his chief of staff gave during last summer's whistle-blower trial.

Kilpatrick will speak in a side room at the Greater Emmanuel Institutional Church of God in Christ at 7:30 p.m. His appearance will be televised on Detroit television stations and aired on radio stations WDET-FM, WJR-AM and WWJ-AM.

"There will be no audience. There will be no

reporters allowed inside. There will be no still photography allowed inside. The mayor will not do any interviews," mayoral spokesman James Canning said. He would not comment Tuesday night on whether the mayor will apologize.

"He's not resigning," Canning said. "You'll have to listen to the speech tomorrow."

Those close to the mayor say his wife, Carlita, will be at his side.

"He's anxious to speak," said Deputy Mayor Anthony Adams as he left the Manoogian Mansion, where the mayor has been holed up for several days. "He is very up-

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Daniel Mears / The Detroit News
Newly promoted Kandia Milton, left, with finance official Eddie McDonald.

New chief of staff's 1st act: Pay his back property taxes

By ROBERT SNELL
AND DAVID JOSAR
The Detroit News

DETROIT — Like Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick, his new chief of staff, Kandia Milton, is a former college athlete. And like his predecessor, Christine Beatty, he comes with some baggage.

Milton, 36, whom Kilpatrick tapped Tuesday to succeed Beatty as his right hand, has struggled financially in recent years, filed

bankruptcy and, until The Detroit News inquired Tuesday, owed about \$10,000 in delinquent city property taxes, records show. Yet he was praised by City Hall officials for his work as the mayor's deputy chief of staff and liaison to the council, massaging an occasionally testy relationship between Kilpatrick and council members.

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DECISION 2008

McCain wins Fla., Romney is second

■ Clinton takes Dem race as campaigns turn sights to Super Tuesday.

By GORDON TROWBRIDGE
Detroit News Washington Bureau

Arizona Sen. John McCain won Tuesday's Florida Republican primary, giving him a crucial victory as an already unpredictable presidential campaign enters a weeklong, coast-to-coast sprint.

McCain's victory over former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney

makes him the GOP frontrunner heading into races in 21 states on Feb. 5.

"In one week, we will have as close to a national primary as we have ever had in this country," a buoyant McCain told supporters Tuesday night. "And I intend to win it and be the nominee of our party."

Doing so will require a much different campaign style than the strategy that has made McCain the frontrunner.

"We've never seen a schedule like this before," said Anita Dunn, a Democratic political strategist. "We're going from these very intensive, one-state campaigns to a campaign that stretches from Alaska to Delaware. ... It's like going from playing baseball to playing football in the middle of the game."

The football starts today, with a nationally televised Republican debate from Simi Valley, Calif. Democrats have their

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Border crossing blues

Tougher ID requirements could mean longer lines

By FRANCIS X. DONNELLY | *The Detroit News*

Tardy workers. Fewer customers. Delayed supplies. Those are some of the concerns businesses in Detroit and Windsor have about a new U.S. border rule taking effect Thursday.

By no longer settling for just a driver's license to enter the United States, border crossings could delay goods from reaching businesses and discourage residents from visiting the other side, trade groups said.

"We need to keep an eye on it," said Jim Phillips, president of the Canadian-American Border Trade Alliance. "If delays are caused, it could be a serious problem."

The new rule promotes security by requiring people entering the U.S. to show enhanced ID, such as a passport, birth certificate or, when they become available, a border pass card.

But the change comes at a vulnerable time for Metro Detroit, business

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Border rules

Among the documents that can be used:

- U.S. or Canadian passport
- U.S. pass card (available in spring)
- State- or province-issued "enhanced" driver's license (States are only beginning to produce these, so they are not available in most places.)
- A combination of a driver's license and birth certificate
- For a complete list, visit detnews.com

Source: U.S. Department of Homeland Security



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Motorists cross Ambassador Bridge into Detroit during Tuesday morning rush hour. Worried about traffic backups, the U.S. customs agency says it will gradually phase in the new ID requirement.

Gov. pushes job-creating programs

■ In State of State speech, she proposes business tax credits, using pension money to lure firms.

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LANSING — Two job-creation initiatives totaling nearly a half-billion dollars were announced by Gov. Jennifer Granholm in her State of the State address Tuesday as part of her plan to pump life into Michigan's flagging economy.

The governor called for using \$300 million in state employee pension funds to invest over the next three years in young, high-growth companies looking to build and create jobs in Michigan, which leads the nation in unemployment.

She also wants job-creation tax credits, totaling \$35 million a year for four years — one-time offers for businesses in the 50 fastest-growing industries in the nation, including alternative en-

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ergy, health care and educational services.

"Michigan gets cutting-edge businesses and jobs," Granholm said. "Michigan will now be in the top three states in the nation for making investment capital available to successful entrepreneurs who create jobs here."

In her hour-long speech delivered to a statewide audience via public television and radio, the governor also said she wants to add 100 State Police troopers to beef up public safety; invest nearly \$1 billion in road and bridge construction, university

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Gov. Jennifer Granholm delivers the 2008 State of the State address Tuesday at the Capitol in Lansing. Proposals covered job creation and movie industry promotion.

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