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Delphi emerges smaller, healthier

Supplier leaves bankruptcy, faces tough economy

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Delphi's long and painful stay in bankruptcy court ended Tuesday — after many false starts and four years of court-supervised restructuring.

The new, privately held Delphi Holdings LLP gets a fresh start as a smaller auto parts supplier — shedding unprofitable businesses — with less debt and lower labor costs.



O'Neal



Miller

The closing, completed at a law office in New York late Tuesday, was a complex series of transactions involving the transfer of assets around the world. The stage was set July 30, when a bankruptcy judge approved the sale of the bulk of the company to its lenders and a chunk to General Motors.

Troy-based Delphi spent the last two months winning regulatory approvals around the world for the deal.

But the supplier faces a difficult road in the weak U.S. auto market. Its new owners, its bankruptcy lenders, must now guide the one-time parts unit of General Motors.

Delphi's October 2005 bankruptcy, at the time the largest auto sector bankruptcy in history and 11th-largest ever, was prompted when the company said it needed to reduce its hourly labor costs by more than 60 percent.

The filing ushered in a painful era for auto suppliers, with many following Delphi into bankruptcy. As part of an industry-wide upheaval, two of the Detroit Three automakers, GM and Chrysler, also filed for bankruptcy.

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TWINS 6, TIGERS 5; 12 AGONIZING INNINGS

Drama and defeat



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Aubrey Huff stares from the visitors' dugout as the Twins celebrate their AL Central Division title after outlasting the Tigers 6-5 in the tiebreaking game that went 12 innings.

Bitter extra-inning loss caps frustrating season as Tigers let division title slip away

Minneapolis
At the end of this baseball classic, the noise was suffocating, bouncing off the walls and the roof, then crashing down. It will ring in the Tigers' heads for a long, long time.

They had their chances, right down to the last inning of the last game of a long, strange season. They had a lead, lost it, rallied, then couldn't hang on, and the small picture ultimately told the big picture.

The Tigers dropped a numbing thriller to the Twins 6-5 on Tuesday night in a one-game show-



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down for the AL Central Division title. They lost it in the bottom of the 12th, on an RBI single by Alexi Casilla off a tiring Fernando Rodney, ending a season that kept ping-ponging from promising to perplexing, and finally came to rest at heart-wrenching.

This should gnaw at the Tigers, because yet again, they had a chance to finish off the Twins and avert a crushing late-season collapse, and they squandered it. The Tigers had a 3-0 lead in the game and were very good for a while (just like

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Choices rise as gas costs fall

As experts predict lower heating bills this winter, homeowners are debating whether to lock in rates now. Alternative gas suppliers are dangling deals, but state officials warn customers to read the fine print before signing anything.

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House passes bills to soften budget cuts

Lansing — The state House passed tax bills Tuesday that levy a 3 percent tax on physician services and freeze the personal exemption from the income tax. Reduced tax credits for businesses also passed. The bills, part of a package to raise cash to soften cut-backs, face a hostile GOP-controlled Senate.

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Kilpatrick ordered to disclose finances

Detroit — A Wayne County Circuit judge Tuesday ruled that Kwame Kilpatrick must produce a long list of financial documents prior to a hearing later this month where the former mayor must answer questions about his personal worth. Judge David Groner also denied a request to disqualify himself.

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