

## Stay Tuned!

Watching the evening news **isn't much of a picnic** these days. Nightly we're **pounded** with a double blow of economic **malaise** and climatic **calamities** traceable to mankind's **tinkering** with weather patterns.

The bad news is enough to make even the most **chipper** personality take shelter under a warm blanket. But fear not! **Advances** in science offer hope on many fronts.

Look for hybrid cars to **give petrol a run for the money** in the near future. While today's hybrids have slow **acceleration speed** on highways, this will change. Carmaker Ferrari is planning to roll out a hybrid sports car around 2015 (with other car companies **nipping at their heels**).

Great advances in healthcare are also on the horizon. There's talk of using a **genetically modified** virus, called VSV, to **eradicate** brain tumors. Testing is in the early stages, but if it works, the virus will act like a **heat-seeking missile** targeting only the tumor.

On the business front, economists are considering using the laws of physics to **predict** global economic turbulence. The idea of combining hard scientific approaches to economic theories is untested and may offer a new window to predicting a **shake-up** – hopefully, well before the next economic **earthquake** strikes. Nothing **rouses** the experts like a crisis.

So, science looks like our **poster boy** for a brighter tomorrow. It might be wise to stay tuned after all.

## Glossary

<b>acceleration speed</b>	kiihdytysvauhti
<b>advance</b>	edistysaskel
<b>calamity</b>	suuri onnettomuus
<b>chipper</b>	iloinen (puhekielinen)
<b>earthquake</b>	maanjäristys
<b>eradicate</b>	hävittää perin pohjin
<b>genetically modified</b>	geenimuunneltu
<b>give a run for the money</b>	pistää kovaa vastaan
<b>heat-seeking missile</b>	lämpöhakeutuva ohjus
<b>isn't much of a picnic</b>	tässä: ei ole pelkkää huvia
<b>malaise</b>	alavireinen tunnelma
<b>nipping at their heels</b>	tässä: aivan kannoilla
<b>poster boy</b>	malliesimerkki
<b>pound</b>	nuijia
<b>predict</b>	ennustaa
<b>rouse</b>	sytyttää, herättää, innostaa
<b>shake-up</b>	ravistelu
<b>stay tuned</b>	pysy kanavalla
<b>tinker</b>	tunaroida, touhuta