

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

calamity	katastrof
chipper	käck
eradicate	förrinta, ta bort helt; utrota
malaise	olustkänsla, känsla av depression och obehag; recession och pessimism
nipping at their heels	hack i hälen
poster boy	affischnamn
pound	slå, banka, dunka
rouse	väcka; sporra
(give someone a) run for the(ir) money	ta upp kampen med
shake-up	omvälvning, omskakning, ommöblering
stay tuned	fortsätt lyssna; byt inte kanal/frekvens
tinker	mixtra/pilla med