today's news:

American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, Florida
lifelines: **Groceries trip triclosan switch**
Shower gel and mustard may boost antibiotic resistance in bacteria.

physics: **Market calms before storm**
Stock-market crashes are preceded by an eerie bout of predictability.

brain: **Instant gratification centre found?**
Impulsive behaviour may be linked to a specific brain area.

Thursday 24 May 2001
environment: **Sink hopes sink**
Forests show little response to increased carbon dioxide.

lifelines: **Mushrooms aid total recall**
Flies can learn, but not remember, without active nerve cells.

space: **Pluto has big shiny colleague**
A close look at the Kuiper belt may tell us more about the early Solar System.
Wednesday 23 May 2001
American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, Florida
lifelines: **Double whammy could cause MS**
Two viruses may cause the body to get on its own nerves.

lifelines: **Blame Typhoid Mary's gallstones**
The bacteria that cause typhoid fever cling to gallstones.

other news:
chemistry: **Drugs fill a gap**
Molecular keys that lock enzymes out of harm's way can be moulded within the enzymes themselves.

lifelines: **Match of the data**
Information can make the world a happier place.

Tuesday 22 May 2001
American Society for Microbiology General Meeting, Florida
lifelines: **Virus crosses brain cancer**
Blending the common cold and polio viruses may have created a brain cancer therapy.

lifelines: **Genetics' Nod2 gut disease**
Susceptibility gene for Crohn's disease identified

lifelines: **Bees jail offenders**
South African honeybees incarcerate parasites they can't control

technology: **Nothing to it**
A cross between paper and smoke takes a hammer to break

Monday 21 May 2001
brain: **Jet-setting drains brains**
Years of long-haul travel shrivels parts of the brain
medicine: **Better diagnosis for brain transplants**
A second opinion puts a positive spin on controversial fetal transplants for Parkinson’s disease.

lifelines: **Blind mice see**
New photoreceptor throws light on hidden workings of the eye.