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1. Mark Hamrick, Senior Economic Analyst for Bankrate.com

73% of Millennials (ages 23-38) who have student loan debt have delayed at least one major life or financial milestone as a result, according to a new Bankrate.com report. Mr. Hamrick said the issue has influenced large percentages of Americans of all ages, affecting decisions such as buying a home or car, saving for retirement, having children and getting married.

Issues covered:
Student Debt
Education
Personal Finance

2. **David Closs, PhD,** Professor of Supply Chain Management in the Eli Broad College of Business at Michigan State University

Phony prescription drugs are big business and can be life-threatening to consumers. Dr. Closs discussed a recent change in federal regulations that requires companies to track prescription drugs from their raw materials stage to their delivery to pharmacies. He explained how copycat drugs sometimes make their way into the system and what consumers need to know.

Issues covered:
Drug Safety
Government Regulations
Personal Heath

3. **Martin Röösli, PhD**, Associate Professor, Head of Environmental Exposures and Health at Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute in Basel, Switzerland

Prod. Röösli led a study that suggests that radiation from phones can harm a teenager's memory. He found that the problem occurs when a phone is held next to a child's head for a phone call. His team even found different effects, depending on whether the phone was used on the right or left side of the head. He said Bluetooth devices can help, and that children's phone calls should be short and infrequent.

<u>Issues covered:</u> Personal Health Technology

