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Dear Bill,

Well, you're on the national radio news with "HDL", and the message is "the more of a particular kind of cholesterol you have, the better off you are" which is a strange sort of reportorial distortion, and that "the HDL test is a simple and inexpensive addition to a work up", which also may be something of a distortion. I wonder how we would all do without the myths of mass media.

Cordially,

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