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A Safety Move That Cyclists Call a Menace

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There are things on this earth that
are destined not to easily coexist —
cats and dogs, vegans and cattle ranch-
ers, humans and raccoons, bicycles and
cars.

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transportation. Still, in contemplation
of a suburban experience not totally
based on the car, consider Westches-
ter's rumble strip rumble.

A rumble strip, or more technically,
an audible road delineator, is that
raised area parallel to highways meant
to startle dozing drivers and keep them
on the road. They are mostly confined to
heavily trafficked highways.

So imagine the surprise of Richard
Mitt, a New York City police sergeant
with long experience in accident inves-
tigation and traffic enforcement. The
suburban soul who sometimes
pedaled to the train station, he was pedal-
ing home from Mount Kisco on a rustic
two-lane stretch of Route 100 last June
when he found himself propelled

through the air and onto the pavement,
his upper lip needing
stitches. He did not know the strips had
been installed and did not see them in
the dark — and when a wheel of his bike
was caught, he went flying.

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Parental Lifelines, Frayed to Breaking