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### **New City VII**

You tell  
a joke, a

request for help  
with the punch line.

Everyone  
is texting.

Have the wasabi  
in a new city.

Have your head  
examined.

You have been  
given

W.W.J.D. lanyards,  
Butter-

burgers,  
and popular

sheepskin gifts.

Parks and

recreation.

You have

a mom

as good

as mine

and you, you must

want it to be

summer. Remember,

racing

ruins your bicycle riding.

## **New Rush Hour**

One vehicle  
per person please.

This isn't a school of fish.  
We don't get more

than we paid for.  
Today I ripped up a petition

form to  
recall you.

At all  
you can eat buffets

many of us take  
more than we can eat.

Please select an ad. Otherwise  
one will be selected for you.

Please raise your left  
eyebrow.

It is hard  
for an unhappy host

to deliver a happy experience.  
This is not a school of fish.

How many in  
this audience

will start to care  
about the mark

of the beast? The  
beast and the host

are gossiping about people  
that you will never know.

You set  
yourself apart.

You make a promise  
to ride a bicycle.