

# Linguistics before benefits

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repeated bias in a number of areas, including Black testers not getting return phone calls, and being quoted higher rent prices and security deposits.

"In Birmingham, a White tester was told that a \$150 security deposit and \$25 per adult application fee would be waived for her as a Hurricane Katrina victim. She was also told she needed to make 2.5 times the rent to qualify for the apartment. The African-American tester was told that she would have to pay \$150 for the security deposit and a \$25 application fee for each applicant. The African-American hurricane survivor was also told that she would have to make three times the rent to qualify for the apartment," the report stated.

The testing took place in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Tennessee and Texas, and showed instances of White testers being offered free televisions and partially refunded security deposits. But those offers were not extended to Black testers, who were often saddled with additional administrative fees that were non-refundable.

"It's a different kind of behavior in discrimination from the 70s until now where they

would just simply say we don't have anything available. Now they try not to trigger suspicion so they may say when do you need it or I won't know until the end of the month, when in fact, they may have three or four apartments available right now. But if you're the caller that sounds reasonable," Smith said.

Smith, whose organization has worked with Baugh since the 1990s, said another tactic is asking a potential renter or buyer for their name to be put on a waiting list and "names that didn't sound middle America white, they didn't get the return emails about availability."

Baugh has logged thousands of calls, since 1987, using testers of different races and backgrounds, including himself. Baugh, an African-American man, started studying the practice of linguistic profiling after his own personal experience when he was looking for an apartment in the San Francisco Bay Area.

"I was calling various landlords to go look at apartments and in about two or three cases, I got there and they told me there had been some mistake and the apartments had already been rented. And it just didn't seem right to me and I speculated that they didn't realize I was African-American when they made the appointment with me."



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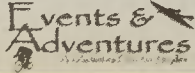
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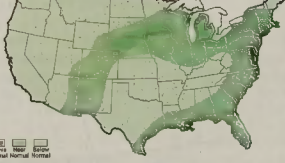
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#### WEATHER TRENDS THIS WEEK

##### Temperatures



##### Precipitation



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#### IN THE SKY

Sun			Moon			Moon Phases			
Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	First	Full	Last	Now
Rise: 6:34 a.m. Set: 8:25 p.m.	Rise: 6:35 a.m. Set: 8:25 p.m.	Rise: 6:36 a.m. Set: 8:24 p.m.	Rise: 6:36 a.m. Set: 8:23 p.m.	Rise: 6:37 a.m. Set: 8:22 p.m.	Rise: 6:38 a.m. Set: 8:21 p.m.	8/2	8/9	8/15	8/23

#### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Albany, SC	67 73	65 72	64 73	63 72	Memphis, TN	96 75	96 76	94 77	95 76
Augusta, GA	68 73	65 72	65 73	63 72	Myrtle Beach, SC	93 78	91 78	89 78	89 76
Charleston, SC	66 76	64 75	64 77	62 76	Norfolk, VA	100 79	92 78	93 77	90 76
Columbia, SC	68 76	67 76	65 75	64 74	Raleigh, NC	88 74	86 75	85 72	82 71
Durham, NC	68 75	65 74	64 73	62 72	Richmond, VA	100 77	95 75	92 74	85 73
Greensboro, NC	66 75	63 74	61 73	62 72	Roanoke, VA	97 72	88 72	90 71	90 70
Greenville, SC	66 74	63 73	62 73	61 72	Savannah, GA	95 76	95 75	93 75	92 74
Knoxville, TN	63 73	63 72	62 73	61 71	Wilmington, NC	97 77	95 78	93 76	93 76
Lynchburg, VA	68 71	60 70	60 70	60 57	Winston-Salem, NC	96 76	94 74	92 74	92 73

#### U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	93 75	93 74	92 75	90 73	Miami	90 77	90 77	90 78	91 79
Boston	88 70	77 66	80 58	80 65	Minneapolis	85 64	88 68	86 66	85 67
Chicago	82 64	86 63	85 64	86 66	New Orleans	93 77	92 76	91 76	91 76
Cleveland	85 67	83 67	85 65	87 66	New York City	97 72	94 70	96 72	98 74
Dallas	100 76	100 76	100 77	97 76	Orlando	92 74	92 75	92 75	90 75
Denver	84 58	86 60	86 60	86 59	Pittsburgh	88 66	84 64	86 64	86 64
Detroit	84 65	84 65	86 65	87 65	Phoenix	96 82	98 82	100 82	105 84
Houston	94 75	94 75	94 74	94 74	San Francisco	90 56	90 56	92 57	93 57
Kansas City	83 65	87 67	94 70	94 73	Seattle	74 54	76 54	78 56	78 57
Los Angeles	81 65	82 65	82 65	81 64	Washington, DC	95 76	94 74	91 72	90 74

#### WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	66 57	66 59	67 59	67 61	Paris	70 55	70 55	75 55	77 55
Berlin	75 52	75 54	77 55	79 57	Rio de Janeiro	70 66	78 64	74 64	76 65
Buenos Aires	67 41	69 52	61 53	71 51	Rome	88 69	88 88	86 88	86 86
Cairo	100 77	101 76	101 79	103 80	San Juan	87 75	88 77	89 77	89 76
Jerusalem	67 64	69 69	68 70	89 88	Seoul	92 75	95 77	93 77	87 74
Johannesburg	48 31	54 37	55 37	62 40	Sydney	61 46	61 50	62 47	61 46
London	70 57	73 57	77 57	79 63	Tokyo	85 74	89 77	90 78	89 76
Mexico City	79 54	79 53	71 54	65 55	Toronto	80 63	85 64	84 65	83 62
Moscow	63 56	77 53	77 50	72 47	Zurich	83 52	87 55	88 57	86 55

Weather (W) is sunny, partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, hc.







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