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Americans may have gotten used to inflation

In survey, consumers list other financial concerns

Daniel de Visé USA TODAY

American consumers may be learning to live with inflation. • A long-running Gallup poll shows a steep drop in the share of Americans who name inflation as their biggest financial problem. • Only 29% of consumers listed inflation as their top financial concern in April, down from 41% in April 2024. It's the lowest reading on the annual survey since 2021. • Another recent survey, from the Ipsos Consumer Tracker, found fewer Americans think prices are rising. The share of consumers who said their household expenses are higher than a year ago slipped from 68% in February to 58% in May. See INFLATION, Page 5A



“The cumulative increase in prices over the last half-decade has been much higher than it was from 2015 to 2020. And I think that is what has contributed to this sense of frustration about inflation among American consumers.”

Bill Adams, chief economist at Comerica Bank

Dems could break its quorum to block redistricting

Owen Dahlkamp The Texas Tribune

WASHINGTON — As Republicans in Texas move full steam ahead with a plan to redraw the state's congressional districts, Democrats are privately mulling their options, including an expensive and legally dicey quorum break. If they go that route, it appears they will have the backing of big-dollar Democratic donors. By fleeing the state to deprive the Legislature of enough members to function, Democrats would each incur a fine of \$500 per day and face the threat of arrest. Deep-pocketed donors within the party appear ready to cover these expenses, according to three people involved in the discussions. The donors' willingness to foot the bill eliminates a major deterrent to walking out — the personal financial cost — and could embolden Democrats who might otherwise hesitate. But first, the donors and absconding members would need to figure out how to skirt a potential roadblock: Texas House rules prohibit lawmakers from dipping into their campaign coffers to pay the fines. Republicans approved the \$500 daily punishment in 2023, two years after Democrats fled the state in an unsuccessful bid to stop Republicans from passing an overhaul of the state's election laws. Two people involved in the latest Democratic fundraising strategy sessions, who were granted anonymity to discuss private conversations, claim their legal teams have found a way to disburse the funds to the members but declined to provide any additional details. Rep. Jasmine Crockett, a Dallas Democrat who was part of the 2021

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Gunman kills 4, himself in Manhattan

Thao Nguyen, James Powel, Eduardo Cuevas, John Bacon, Karissa Waddick, Anthony Robledo, Jarrett Bell and Kathryn Palmer USA TODAY

Homicide detectives were trying to determine why a gunman armed with an M4 rifle charged into a Park Avenue skyscraper in New York City and fatally shot at least four people, including a police officer, before killing himself. Five people were shot in the rampage July 28 inside the 44-floor Midtown Manhattan building that houses the NFL headquarters and offices of major financial firms. New York City Mayor Eric Adams said July 29 that preliminary investigations show the gunman, after a shooting in building's lobby, may have intended to target the NFL offices but took the wrong elevator.

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Police officers and emergency vehicles are seen in a street as police respond to a shooting incident in the Midtown Manhattan neighborhood of New York City on July 28.

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