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Summary: Inflation, we just learned, eased in October, extending a two-week rally in stocks and bonds. And yet the University of Michigan's index of consumer sentiment keeps falling. Gasoline is down about a third since its mid-2022 peak. Grocery prices haven't fallen, but they are only up 2% in the past year; dairy, eggs, chicken, and meat are flat. Even if they don't drop, maybe a long spell of not going up will loosen their grip on our psyche. Housing is an entirely different matter. Since January 2021, home prices, despite a late 2022 dip, have risen 29%, according to the S&P/Case-Shiller national home price index, and mortgage rates have nearly tripled. The buyer of the typical home thus faces a monthly principal and interest payment of nearly \$2,200, more than double the level of early 2021, the National Association of Realtors calculates. Related: Inflation Adjusted House Prices 3.1% Below Peak and Higher For Longer and The 2024 Housing Outlook and US Housing Market Crash Turns Not-So-Sweet 16

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