

Gas fire burns at OG&E plant in OKC OKLAHOMA CITY â€” A fire

involving equipment associated with a line that supplies natural gas to an Oklahoma Gas

& Electric Co. power plant in west Oklahoma City continued to burn Thursday afternoon.

Emergency responders were called to the Mustang Energy Center, 701 N. Mustang Plant Road,

shortly after 7 a.m. They found an insulated tank containing heating oil, glycerol and

possibly natural gas in flames when they arrived. The tank, which holds about 7,000

gallons, supplied fuel to a heater on a ONEOK-owned line that supplies the plant

with natural gas on which its seven quick-start turbines run as they supply the

regionâ€™s electric grid with power. Stephanie Higgins, a ONEOK spokeswoman, said the fireâ€™s cause

hadnâ€™t been determined Thursday. Higgins also said ONEOK was monitoring the situation closely. 6.5

million pounds of beef recalled TOLLESON, Ariz. â€” An Arizona company voluntarily recalled more

than 6.5 million pounds of beef that could be contaminated with salmonella, federal officials

announced Thursday. An investigation traced products, including ground beef and beef patties, to JBS

Tolleson Inc., a meat packing plant west of Phoenix. The raw beef was packed

between July 26 and Sept. 7 and was shipped to retailers nationwide, including Walmart,

according to the U.S. Department of Agricultureâ€™s Food Safety and Inspection Service. Some of

the products have a sell- or use-by date in late September. An epidemiological investigation

found that 57 people in 16 states have become ill so far. That includes

15 cases in Arizona, the stateâ€™s health officials said. The recalled beef is marked

with â€œEST.267â€• on the packaging. Officials say people should check their freezers for any

of the meat and either throw it out or return it to where it

was purchased. The beef was sold under the names Cedar River Farms, ComNor Perfect

Choice, Gourmet Burger, Grass Run Farms and Showcase at Walmart and in generic packaging.

A spokeswoman for JBS did not immediately return a message seeking comment Thursday. US

mortgage rates edge lower; 30-year rate at 4.71 percent WASHINGTON â€” Long-term U.S. mortgage

rates edged slightly lower this week, taking a pause after five straight weeks of

increases. Costs for would-be homebuyers have been climbing, and the key 30-year rate has been running at its highest levels in more than seven years. Mortgage buyer Freddie Mac said Thursday the average rate on 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages ticked down to 4.71 percent this week from 4.72 percent last week. The average benchmark rate has risen from 3.85 percent a year ago. The average rate on 15-year, fixed-rate loans slipped to 4.15 percent this week from 4.16 percent last week. The Federal Reserve signaled its confidence in the economy last week by raising a key interest rate for a third time this year, forecasting another rate hike before yearâ€™s end. â€” From Oklahoman and wire reports