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NEWS IN BRIEF

Report: China will send its first citizen into orbit

BEIJING (AP) — The shape of China's first manned space mission came into sharper focus Wednesday with reports that a human crew will orbit the Earth briefly next week after a live-television launch trumpets the government's accomplishment to its citizens and the world.
 In Indonesia, Premier Wen Jiabao said the craft, the Shenzhou 5, would take off with a human crew "soon, very soon."
 If the launch is completed successfully, China would join the United States and the former Soviet Union — now Russia — as the only countries that have sent manned craft into space.
 The Oct. 15 date of the inaugural launch — a 90-minute flight that will orbit the planet once — was reported Wednesday by Sina.com.

In Denmark, a royal engagement for Crown Prince

COPENHAGEN, Denmark (AP) — Crown Prince Frederik was engaged to Miss Mary Elizabeth Donaldson, the first Australian-born woman to stand in line to become a European queen, the royal palace said Wednesday.
 The couple will be wed May 14 in the capital, Copenhagen.
 At a state council meeting at Amalienborg Castle in Copenhagen where the royal family lives, Queen Margrethe told the Danish government that her 35-year-old son and heir to the throne of Europe's oldest ruling monarchy would marry Donaldson, a 31-year-old from Hobart, Australia.
 Under the Constitution, Denmark's popular 63-year-old monarch and the government must give their formal approval for Frederik to marry. Last month, Prime Minister Anders Fogh Rasmussen said his government supported the engagement.

Austin man arrested in 1991 yogurt shop murders

AUSTIN (AP) — An Austin man appeared in court Wednesday on federal charges in connection with the 1991 yogurt shop robbery and arson that left four teenagers dead.
 Patric Norris Davidson, 37, was indicted Tuesday on charges of accessory after the fact, failure to report a felony, making false statements to a federal official and obstruction of justice. If convicted, he faces a maximum penalty of 28 years in prison and \$1 million fine.
 Davidson was released on \$5,000 bond after the hearing.
 According to the indictment, Davidson disposed of the pistol after Michael James Scott and others robbed the I Can't Believe It's Yogurt shop and set it on fire.
 Scott and three others were arrested on state charges years after the four teenagers, including two who worked at the store, were bound, gagged and shot in the head Dec. 6, 1991.

Police continue search for missing teenage boy

DALLAS (AP) — Authorities continued searching Wednesday for a 16-year-old undocumented immigrant who allegedly was taken by an immigrant smuggler angry that the boy and his father didn't have enough money for their trip from El Paso to Chicago.
 Edwin Ricardo Medrano, 16, was last seen at 10:50 a.m. Tuesday in Dallas in a dark blue tractor-trailer rig, said Tela Mange, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of Public Safety.
 Mange said police reported that the boy and his father were being transported by an immigrant smuggler, who stopped in Dallas and asked for \$2,000. When he found out they could not pay, he got into a scuffle with the father and drove away with the boy, Mange said.
 The teen was wearing a blue polo-style shirt and baggy jeans. He has short, black hair and brown eyes. He is 5-foot-8 and weighs 120 pounds.
 Anyone with information is asked to call Dallas police at 214-671-4268.

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