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Getting ready for Halloween

As Halloween approaches, decorations, like these found on the second floor of Neeley Hall, are popping up around campus.

Jordan, Israel ready for signing of monumental peace treaty

JERUSALEM (AP) — Standing 100 yards apart on a busy highway, two war monuments overlook the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. One is inscribed in Arabic, the other in Hebrew.

Jordan and Israel stopped fighting in 1970, and an undeclared peace has since flourished.

Author Amnon Dankner says the treaty to be signed in the desert is like the wedding of a couple that has lived together for a long time.

Unlike Egypt and Syria, Jordan was often ambivalent, seeing Israel both as an enemy, and a buffer against enemies within the Arab world.

Israel tended to see Jordan as a potential friend held back by fear of its militant Arab neighbors. King Abdullah was assassinated by a Palestinian in 1951.

His grandson Hussein was a frequent target of assassins.

Israelis would always prefer Hussein to any radical, Soviet-backed militant. They might be

enemies, but both belonged in the Western camp.

Both sides share the waters of the River Jordan. So their water officials would meet in a tent on the river bank to discuss their problems.

In 1963, Hussein opened a secret high-level channel of communication through his private surgeon in London.

In later years there would be meetings on boats at sea, or at secret desert rendezvous and in foreign capitals.

Palestinian raids into Israel from Jordan led to Israeli retaliation on Jordanian soil.

The cycle of violence led to the 1967 Six-Day War, Jordan entered the fighting, and ended up losing east Jerusalem and the West Bank.

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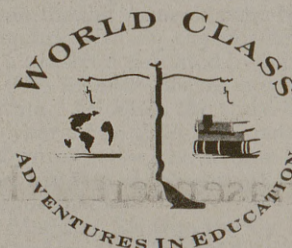
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