



## Egyptian Pharaohs on the move

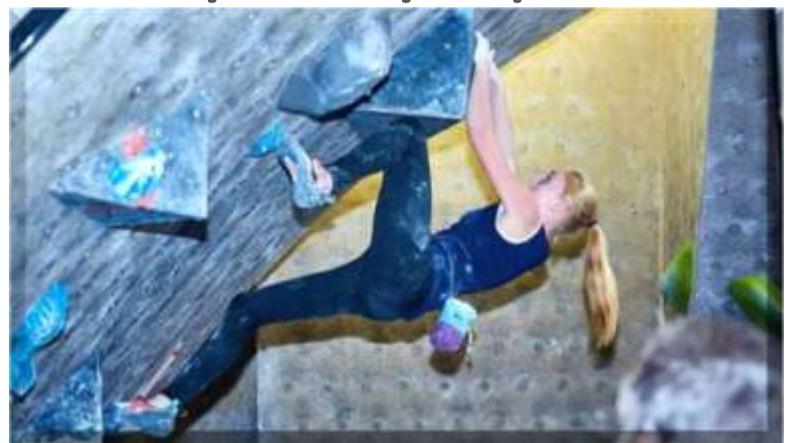


*Pictured Top: Lavish procession through Cairo Source: @interaksyon*  
*Pictured Bottom: Coffin of Psusennes I Source: Aidan McRae Thomson*

There was a lavish parade through the newly paved streets of Cairo when 22 Ancient Egyptian mummies were relocated to a new museum. Accompanied by replica horse-drawn war chariots, 18 kings and 4 queens were transported for 5 kilometres in trucks with special shock-absorbers so that the ride was as smooth as possible. The pharaohs' caskets were filled with nitrogen to avoid any damage from the hot climate. The pharaohs were carried in chronological order, starting with the oldest, Seqenenre Taa II from 16<sup>th</sup> Century BC to Ramesses IX who ruled in 12<sup>th</sup> Century BC. Amongst them was Queen Hatshepsut, who broke tradition by becoming pharaoh as a woman and King Ramesses II, who ruled for 67 years. The mummies will be exhibited in the Royal Hall of Mummies at the National Museum of Egyptian Civilisation in the capital city. They were moved in a bid to regenerate tourism in the country since numbers of visitors to Egypt have been dropping over recent years.

## Climbing debut at Tokyo Olympics

In less than three months time, the delayed 2020 Olympic Games are scheduled to begin in Tokyo, Japan. This is exciting for any sportsperson, but Christopher Cosser, age 20 and Erin Sterkenberg, who is just 17, are ecstatic! The young climbers will represent Africa in the climbing event. It is the first time that climbing has been included as an Olympic sport. Climbers will compete for one Olympic medal in three disciplines: speed climbing, lead climbing (getting to the highest point in six minutes) and bouldering (finding the best route up). Cosser was inspired to begin climbing by a twelfth birthday gift of the film *Progression*, which follows the life of climbers and their determination to conquer their challenges. Sterkenberg began her climbing career on her school climbing wall, although most of her training over the last twelve months has been in her back yard due to the global pandemic. Only twenty-two people across Africa



*Pictured: 17-year-old South African, Erin Sterkenberg training on a climbing wall*  
*Source: @BBC\_NickCavell*

took part in the qualifiers' competition in December. There are fewer competitors than in a lot of other countries. Sterkenberg explained, "A lot of people don't know climbing as a sport but after these Olympics, a lot more people will be interested because they'll see it on TV."



## 121-year-old chocolate found

You might be thinking that a tin of chocolate discovered in the attic of a historic house in Norfolk was an Easter hunt gone wrong! In fact, it was a gift given to a soldier by the order of Queen Victoria in 1900. The chocolate was found in a helmet case belonging to the 8<sup>th</sup> Baronet, Sir Henry Edward Paston-Bedingfeld, who lived in Oxburgh Hall after he returned from the Boer War. The monarch asked UK chocolate companies to make more than 100,000 tins, each containing half a pound of chocolate (about 225g), for soldiers posted in South Africa to keep their spirits up during the Second Boer War. Anna Forrest, the curator at the property, said, 'Although it no longer looks appetising and is well past its use-by date - you wouldn't want it as your Easter treat - it is still complete and a remarkable find. We can only assume that the 8<sup>th</sup> Baronet kept the chocolate with the helmet as a memento of his time in the Boer War.'



*Pictured: The chocolate and the Boer War helmet found at Oxburgh Hall in Norfolk Source: @SkyNews/@Independent*

## Your thoughts on last week's news...

*Yes... if you have free time and you can volunteer for somebody who needs your time and help to make their life little bit easy then why not?*  
Noriqa – age 8



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*Yes, because it will make people happy and it's a nice thing to do.*  
Aisha – age 5

*Not if they are busy.*  
Elliot – age 7

*I think some people are very busy and have busy lives so may not have time.*  
Max – age 11

I think...



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