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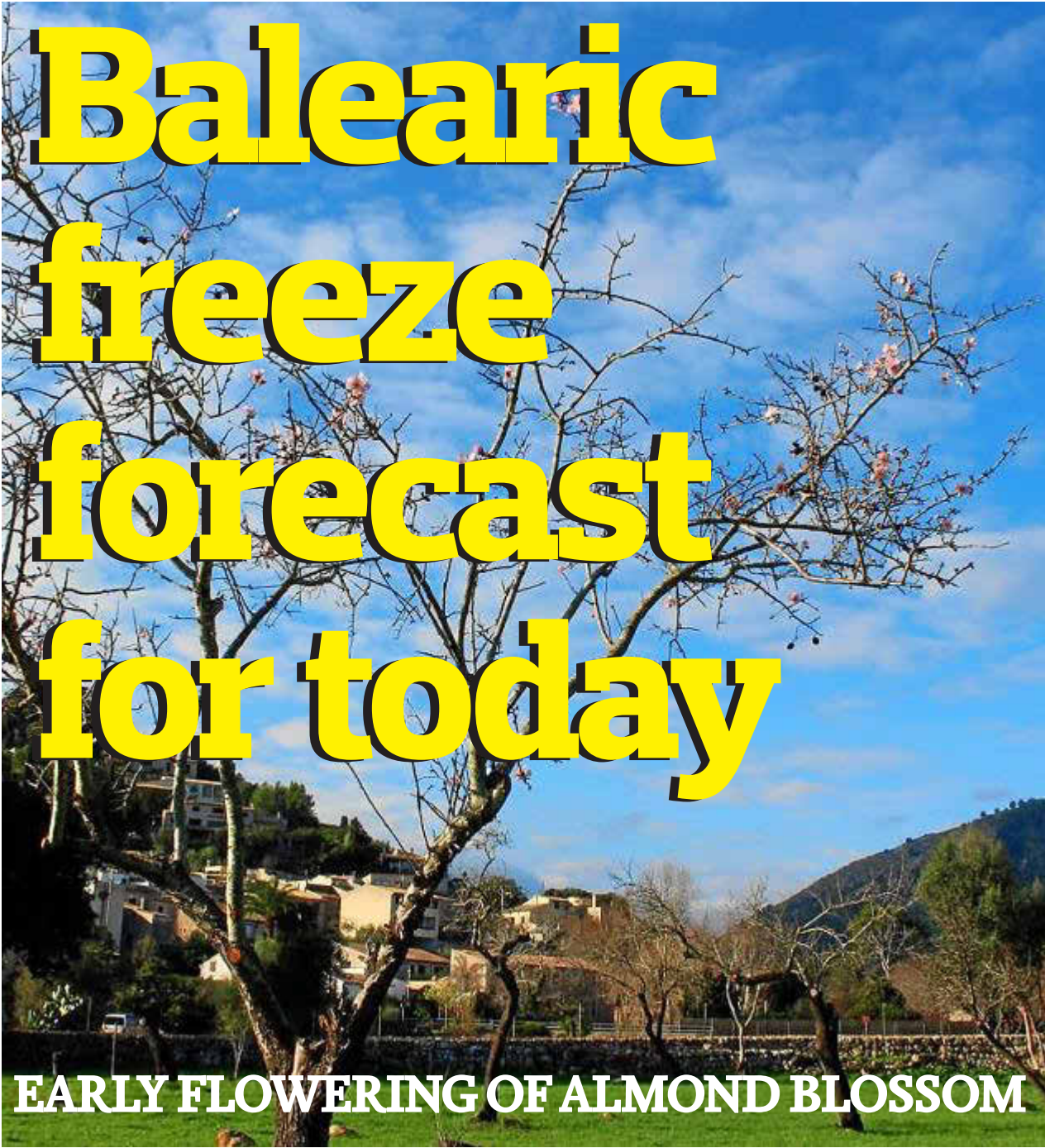
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Madame Tussauds removes waxworks of Harry and Meghan from royal display

● Madame Tussauds waxwork museum has removed the figures of Prince Harry and his wife Meghan from its British royal family display, in response to the couple's announcement that they will be stepping back from royal duties.

Madame Tussauds, which contains more than 250 wax models of celebrities, said the two figures will go in a separate section, away from that which includes Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, and Prince William and his wife Kate. "Alongside the rest of the world, we are reacting to the surprising news that the Duke and Duchess of Sussex will be stepping back as senior Royals," said general manager Steve Davies. He added in a statement: "As two of our most popular and well-loved figures, they will of course remain an important feature at Madame Tussauds London as we watch to see what the next chapter holds for them." PAGE 21

Balearic freeze forecast for today



EARLY FLOWERING OF ALMOND BLOSSOM

Palma.—A cold front tracking across mainland Spain is due to affect the Balearics today.

Temperatures will go down and there is a high probability of rain, which will fall as snow on the highest peaks.

Low highs
Forecast highs for today are no more than 14C.

The tiempo.com website reports that an anti-cy-

clone will move in over the mainland tomorrow and bring a return to settled conditions but that the Balearics can continue to anticipate lower temperatures and some rain.

By Sunday, there should be a rise in temperatures in the Balearics but still the possibility of the occasional shower.

North and northeasterly winds over the weekend are expected to be stronger in

northerly parts of Majorca.

Aemet has already issued a yellow warning for coastal conditions in these northerly areas for tomorrow.

Blossom
But, following an especially warm autumn in Majorca and with winter temperatures currently above normal, the almond blossom is flowering much earlier than usual.

The blossom normally ap-

pears towards the end of January and lasts until March, providing one of the most beautiful of all natural spectacles on the island.

There are organised routes and special trips for enjoying the almond blossom, which does attract some winter tourism.

A fair for almond blossom in Son Servera in early February might just seem a little late this year.

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SPAIN'S TOP COURT SAYS JAILED CATALAN SEPARATIST CANNOT BE RELEASED

● Spain's Supreme Court said yesterday it had told the European Parliament that Catalan separatist leader Oriol Junqueras will not be released from prison to claim his seat as an MEP despite an EU court ruling that he was entitled to immunity.

Junqueras was sentenced to 13 years in prison in October over his role in Catalonia's failed bid for secession in 2017.

He was elected an MEP while in prison awaiting the verdict and was unable to take up his seat.

His case got a boost last month after the European Union's highest court ruled that the Catalan leader was entitled to immunity as an MEP.

The final say on how to comply with the verdict, however, was left to Spain's Supreme Court.

The court ruled that the sentencing of Junqueras barred him from enjoying immunity as an MEP. It rejected allowing Junqueras to travel to the European Parliament and any notion of annulling his sentence.

"There are no grounds to grant his freedom," the court wrote in its ruling.

Junqueras' Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC) party reacted with disappointment to what they described as "Spanish injustice", accusing the court of violating Junqueras' rights and disobeying international institutions. SEE PAGE 7

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