CNN News Highlights — Parrot Invasion

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In recent years, the parrots have arrived in pursuit of _____ through the fall and winter months, but now, it's spring in Argentina. A _____ at the National University of the South says the parrots have come due to disappearing trees along the _____.

Estimates say that 4 percent of the forest is lost _____ in the south of the province of _____. It is causing the parrots to have no food available, and they are _____ moving closer to the cities where they find food, shelter, and water.

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The parrots, however, have become _____, residents citing a whole range of _____, with the birds _____, harming electric cables, and leaving deposits of bird droppings everywhere. Despite the various _____ residents have used to scare them away, nothing has worked.

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Translation

人與自然的對抗。這是一個幾乎與時間一樣古老的故事。人類與動物有時會爭奪土地和資源。在阿根廷的一個小鎮，這種情況正真實上演，因為成千上萬隻鸚鵡已經遷徙到該地區。

通常，這些羽毛朋友在遷徙時會穿過這個小鎮，但由於鳥類的自然棲息地因為森林砍伐而被破壞，它們停留的時間越來越長。

CNN 的 Elisa Raffa 敏銳地解釋了當地居民如何應對這些惱人的鸚鵡問題。

Hilario Ascasubi 小鎮正面臨鸚鵡的入侵。成千上萬色彩繽紛的鳥類越來越多地占據了這座阿根廷城市，場景就像阿爾弗雷德·希區考克 1963 年的驚悚片《鳥》中的情景一樣。

近年來，鸚鵡們在秋冬季節來此尋找庇護，但現在正值阿根廷的春天。國立南方大學的一名生物學家表示，鸚鵡的到來是因為山坡上的樹木逐漸消失。

據估計，布宜諾斯艾利斯省南部每年有 4%的森林消失，這導致鸚鵡找不到食物，它們越來越多地向城市移動，尋找食物、庇護和水源。

然而，鸚鵡已經成為了害鳥，居民們列舉了各種煩惱，包括鳥類不斷的尖叫、破壞電纜，還到處留下鳥糞。儘管居民們使用了各種嚇跑它們的策略，但都無濟於事。

它們咬壞了電纜，當下雨時，水會進入電線，並導致電力中斷。這些鸚鵡每天都給我們帶來了成本和問題。不用說，當電力中斷時，廣播也沒法收聽。

阿根廷的森林土地多年來逐漸消失，但生物學家 Lera 認為，居民可以採取積極措施來恢復環境，並使他們能夠與這些惱人的鸚鵡和平共處。

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Answers

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