

Transcript – Emily Tunkel, Class of 2019

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Amanda Knox: All right, good evening. My name is Amanda Knox. I am the Pembroke Center Assistant Archivist. I'm not the oral history project as I was just about to say. It's, it's five o'clock in the evening now. It is Monday, April 20, and I am here today with Brown University alum, Emily Tunkel, who is here, we are here on Zoom, because we are in the middle of a COVID-19 global pandemic which is what has brought us here for our interview today. So, Emily, thank you so much for joining me today.

Emily Tunkel: Thank you for having me.

AK: Of course. And now you are a graduate of the class of 2019, is that correct? Yes. Okay, I bet you're glad you got out now.

ET: Yeah, I was really lucky on the timing, actually.

AK: Yes, absolutely. I kind of like to start, would you like to talk a little bit about maybe what you concentrated in at Brown if you participated in extracurricular [1:00] activities or maybe some memories of your time at Brown? Would you like to start there?

ET: Yeah, totally. So, like you said, I'm a class of 2019 alumni. I double concentrated in astronomy and mathematics. So I ended with my degree in astronomy. And extracurriculars, I was involved in Brown Motion Pictures a lot. I was on the executive board and I directed a movie, my senior year, it went up at the Avon. And I also worked for the Office of Residential Life a lot. I answered the phones in the office, which was a really, really nice opportunity to kind of get the behind the scenes. And all my coworkers are very lovely. And what else did I do? Those are probably the main two things. I did a little bit of theater work. So I did like a few

shows. I liked auditioning for things a lot. Yeah, and then mainly classes, and just kind of hanging out. My family is, or my family's in Rhode Island right now. We moved here when I was maybe 16. So, [2:00] yeah, I'm still in Providence at the time being and I'm working as a data analysis, a data analyst, for a healthcare consulting firm.

AK: Oh, interesting.

ET: Yeah. So right now I'm, I'm like on the east side by Tallulah's, just kind of hanging out.

AK: Tallulah's is my favorite taqueria! I'm also on the east side. We're about two miles from Tallulah's.

ET: Yes.

AK: And I'm so glad that they have resumed picking up orders because I really like their cheesy quesadillas.

ET: I was so happy! I got them the other day and it just like, I go there so often because I'm like right down the street, and it was so nice to get food again.

AK: Yeah.

ET: Like, to get my favorite foods.

AK: Yeah, absolutely. Well, that's definitely something that I want us to come back to. But, before we move on from Brown specifically, do you have any memories generally, that you'd like to share about your time there before we move on to what's going on right now? Like, my supervisor likes to call them "Polaroid memories," [3:00] any kind of snapshots of high moments or low moments, like favorite times on campus, things that really resonated with you for your time at Brown?

ET: Yeah, totally. I'm trying to think because in a way it feels like I haven't really left Brown yet. A lot of my friends are seniors. A lot of my friends are grad students. And I'm still obviously here. So, one second. I think overall, a lot of my memories at Brown are in classrooms alone, which sounds like a little bit sad. But I really, I really just enjoyed being on the campus as like a physical space by myself. It was really nice to go find like my own place in Smitty B or Sayles Hall and just kind of sit there. I ended up having a lot of like emotional crises and bathrooms at Brown which was like, it was kind of nice actually.

AK: I don't mean to laugh at that. I'm sorry. I don't know why I giggled at that.

ET: No, I completely agree with you. [4:00] I have a list of everywhere I cried, which I was like very happy about. Also, this is my cat.

AK: Hello Kitty. What's your cat's name?

ET: Juniper. I just got her.

AK: Oh, wonderful. Now's a good time to get a pet.

ET: Exactly. Yeah, but no, I liked hanging in Leads. I liked Sayles. I really liked locations at Brown. I got on a few rooftops during my time, which was also fun like a little, little bit not code of conduct. I also, I loved when my movie went up at the Avon my senior year. That was incredible. I cried a lot. It was really fun.

AK: Happy tears for that one.

ET: Huh?

AK: Happy tears for that one?

ET: Oh, absolutely. Absolutely.

AK: Maybe sometimes some unhappy tears. I imagine that was pretty stressful.

ET: Yeah. Oh, it was a lot to film a movie. We had a lot of messes. But when it went up it was, it was amazing and really fun.

AK: Yeah.

ET: I have good memories of campus dance my senior year [5:00] because that was the only one I ever went to. I'm not a huge person who likes to go to events. But that was really nice. I remember seeing a barbershop quartet from the class of '69 that had just gotten back together and they were singing on the steps of the Haffenreffer Museum and I was like, you know, there was, there was alcohol, so I went up and told them how much I love them. They were like, "Let's help you walk down the stairs." I'm like, "Okay, thank you." That was really nice, too. I like seeing alumni. And it's nice because now like I'm an alumni.

AK: Right.

ET: I have good memories of Res Life, especially like doing dorm inspections. That was my job.

AK: Oh really? Tell me about that.

ET: Yeah. I got to knock on doors and all the freshmen were afraid. That was, that was good. No, it was it was a really, it was super stressful to work at Res Life, but it was also really interesting. Yeah, I remember that ne time I saw a cat on Andrews. That was like a highlight of my sophomore year. [6:00] This like weird cat who's walking around. His name was, I think it was Greg because I found out where he lived. Like he had a collar on. He was a very cute cat, very cute cat.

AK: Are, are pets allowed in Brown dorms?

ET: I think he was like, like a street cat or an outdoor cat for somebody who lived there.

AK: I see.

ET: Having a cat may be allowed. Like if they're, like Doctor related or something like right.

AK: Right. Okay, that makes sense.

ET: But yeah, I remember he was really fat and really angry and really orange. He was a good cat.

AK: So, so tell me how you came to have the job that you're doing now.

ET: Right. So, my, I think by my freshman and sophomore years I was really interested in going to grad school to get like my PhD in astrophysics or astronomy.

AK: Wow.

ET: I was like, that's a thing that I want to do. And then junior year I had an internship where half of it was working and the other half was straight research and I realized [7:00] I don't really like research. I don't really want to do it. So I was kind of –

AK: Deal breaker,

ET: High and dry. Like, I have no idea what to learn to do right now.

AK: Yeah.

ET: I knew however, I wanted to stay in Providence. My mother was fairly ill at the time. And so it's important to me to kind of stay at home, or stay close to home, so if something happened I could get there. I also took care of her sometimes when my dad was away for business trips. So yeah, I wanted to stay in Providence or the area. Didn't want to move home though because, like, I just went for years without living at home, and I didn't want to. So yeah, basically, I applied for

a crazy amount of jobs, this one wanted me, I really like it. I work from home normally so like –

AK: Oh, good.

ET: The whole COVID thing isn't too out of the ordinary.

AK: Okay.

ET: Yeah. And I get to, you know, have a cat and not wear business clothes that much. It's nice.

AK: It's a good deal. So, to talk a little bit more specifically about COVID now, do you remember the first time, [8:00] or maybe some of the first times, you were hearing COVID-19 or coronavirus? Do you remember that and did it seem alarming to you? Or, or how were you kind of thinking about that as it was coming up in the news?

ET: So I think I heard about it, I heard about it a little bit on the news. I, I don't really own a television so most of my news I get online. I think I actually first heard about it and like a serious we-should-be, we-should-be-nervous-about-this way on Dear Bruno, the Facebook page.

AK: Okay.

ET: If you know about that.

AK: I don't.

ET: It's an, it's an anonymous Facebook page where students can post things through a Google Sheets.

AK: Cool.

ET: And there's a lot about, a lot about corona was happening, especially there's a lot about the

grades and things like that.

AK: Interesting. This is the first time hearing of that.

ET: I can send you a link after this. It's an interesting page for student opinions, at least.

AK: Cool.

ET: And yeah, I remember just like reading the [9:00] page and it was interesting to see more posts about corona and about COVID come in. And then my dad is a doctor right now he's, he does infectious disease. So this is kind of like up his alley.

AK: He's probably busy.

ET: Yeah exactly. He works, he works with the Med School actually, he's one of the deans.

AK: Oh, cool.

ET: Yeah. So that was, you know, I heard it from him and my train of thought was like, if my dad's not freaking out, I'm not going to be freaking out. He was like the, the person I look to, to kind of like gauge his opinion. Like when you're little and you fall down and you skinned your knee, but you look to your parents to see if they got afraid.

AK: Right, right.

ET: So yeah, at first I kind of thought about it like I was I was alive and old enough to understand when swine flu and Ebola happened, but I don't, this feels, this feels a lot worse, obviously. Because when swine flu happened, I don't remember any changes to my day like my day to day life besides, you know, people talking about it on the internet [10:00] or on the news and stuff. Yeah. Yeah. And then I do remember the day that Brown closed down because that was also, I remember I had to take Juniper to the vet to because she was getting like teeth pulled.

AK: Oh no.

ET: Yeah, she's, she's very old and she does her best.

AK: That's all we can ask of anybody really.

ET: Yeah. So she was getting teeth pulled and I remember getting, somebody forwarded me the email, one of like, my current friends who's at Brown forwarded me the email where C-Pax said that she was like, school shutting down. I remember telling the vet, she was like, "Oh, my goodness, it's getting pretty serious." Yeah.

AK: Was, was there a moment, what, so it's kind of a two part question. I'm curious if there was a moment where, especially with your dad being in the position that he's in, where you were starting to prepare yourself, for the self-isolation that [11:00] we're doing now, or prepare yourself in any way, but maybe also in terms of like gathering food, or –

ET: Right.

AK: Or toilet paper, or whatever people were gathering to kind of be prepared for what could come. Was that before, if you did do that, and if you did, was that before or after Brown closed?

ET: So I didn't really. I do remember going grocery shopping. I didn't want to get like – I know toilet paper has been a huge meme and people are getting toilet paper. I just, I remember going home to my dad's place and I just took some of his. Like, it was all out of the shops. And then I'm pretty like I have enough, I had enough food. I wasn't worried about the grocery shutting down or anything because I remember Italy was kind of the center point of COVID at the time that Brown shut down and I saw online that like people could still go out shopping there so I wasn't nervous about that. [12:00] I'm over, I'm like a healthy individual. So I wasn't, I wasn't nervous about stocking up. I did have a few like, goodbye parties with friends either because they were leaving or were like, we might all be in isolation soon, let's all get together and watch a movie and you know, get our physical contact in, hug each other and say goodbye, and stuff

like that. Yeah. I saw my boyfriend for like, I suppose the last time. Not like, you know, I'll see him eventually. The last time before like isolation really hit just so we could hang out for like a weekend. Yeah. But I didn't really prepare in terms of getting food or anything like that.

AK: Tell me a little bit, so you sound like you're still kind of really connected to the Brown campus at this point.

ET: Yeah.

AK: Can you tell me a little bit about your kind of going away parties? Were they frantic or, or what was kind of the tone of them if you don't mind discussing that? [13:00]

ET: No, that's fine. I don't think they were frantic. They were, a lot of my friends are seniors and I know, I can't speak for, I'm not a senior obviously right now, but I know a lot of them were feeling just very strange because their senior, their last senior semester was kind of ripped away from them. And it's like, "alright, see you guys later, go back home and then you're an adult." So a lot of them were very, a lot of my going away parties and my last meetings with friends were very, "this was kind of weird," kind of like this funky headspace everybody was in. We weren't saying goodbye to each other, but the future was very uncertain. I remember during, during, like, my last party with a big group of my friends was on a Saturday. I remember calling my dad beforehand to ask because it was like 10 people I'm like, "Is that okay or should we split into groups?" But I remember during that everybody got the email that Brown was pushing back the move out day because there was the first confirmed COVID case. I also remember once I was with a friend, we were watching TV, [14:00] and he got an email and he's like, "Oh, I need to go I actually have to go self-quarantine. My professor tested positive." And I was like, "Alright, I'll see you later." And I remember wiping out the doorknob and stuff like that.

AK: Were you, did that make you kind of nervous? Or were you just sort of like, okay?

ET: It was, I wasn't nervous until I kind of like thought it through for a little bit. Just very out of left field I hadn't expected like, people I knew to self-quarantine. Again, I just think because I

hadn't had to deal with anything like a pandemic before. Like I said, swine flu and Ebola just because we live in a, or at least I live in like a very, I'm very privileged from the fact that I'm in America, and my dad's a doctor, and I'm very up to date on health stuff. Ebola and swine flu felt very far away. That's like, that's a thing that happens other places that aren't like suburban America. Yeah. [15:00]

AK: Do you mind my asking, and again you definitely don't have to address this, what is it like being in a relationship right now where you're not living or self-isolating with your partner?

ET: Yeah, I can talk about that. One second my cat is trying to get out. He like minimized your screen. Cool. So I'm, I'm actually polyamorous so I have two partners right now. Both of them I can't see because they're in Massachusetts.

AK: OK.

ET: But I've been doing a lot of video dates with my boyfriend. We like, we pull up face time and he works, he likes doing model kits so he works on a model kit. I like cross stitching, I cross stitch.

AK: That's awesome.

ET: We just kind of talk and do things like that. It's a little hard just because I miss, I miss getting hugs and like holding hands with people. Not even in terms of like a romantic partner. I just miss like [16:00] being physically close to people, and seeing cashiers, and I used to, I used to go to Starbucks a lot. Like so much so that my boss to country would give me [inaudible] for it because I don't have an office. I was really looking forward to that. But even like seeing baristas at Starbucks who knew my name and knew my order, like I missed that. I want to go see them again. I really missed the bar at Brown the GCB. I'm not even a huge drinker I just miss being in kind of like a social setting. Although, although I'm an introvert, I like being home alone. I just miss being close to people. No, my boyfriend and I have been dating for, the one I was talking about, we've been dating for about a year and a half.

AK: Oh wow.

ET: So I'm really happy this didn't happen at the beginning of our relationship.

AK: For sure.

ET: Because I feel like now we can, like there's an end in sight. We're close enough so that I feel like we can get through this. [17:00]

AK: That's good to hear. And I appreciate you talking about that, because this is definitely something that I'm sure you know is kind of coming up. I think everyone's thinking about it and it's also starting to come up in sort of the feminist news outlets that I follow, kind of what is love and relationships, what is happening in those worlds right now?

ET: Yeah.

AK: Because people have to find ways to connect and you know, totally differently than they used to. So thank you for commenting on that.

ET: Yeah, of course.

AK: You mentioned going to the grocery store. For me, one of the biggest challenges has been able to get grocery delivery and it's very frustrating. So this seems super trivial, but I'm wondering what your grocery story is.

ET: Yeah, totally.

AK: If you, have groceries been a struggle for you? How are you going about safely getting groceries or anything like, or anything? Maybe do you do, you do take out at Tallulah's. Like, maybe how do you manage these things were for me, it's still feels like I'm a little bit doing [18:00] something wrong –

ET: Oh, totally.

AK: But I'm not going to let a Tallulah's go out of business. I'm going to eat the quesadilla. Would you mind talking about that?

ET: Yeah, of course. So I made, I made a face mask. I brought my sewing machine a while ago for like a Halloween costume from home and I'm super happy about that. And because I embroiderer, I cross stitch, I have a lot of extra fabric. So I've been making masks for me, I made one for my friend the other day. Like I embroider like cute things on them so it feels less scary. And then like I said, I'm very healthy. I have no health problems like, God bless. So I go grocery shopping, usually like once, once a week actually about my same schedule. And then Stop and Shop is where I normally go like downtown. Eastside has been like just a little bit too crowded for me and Stop and Shop has been very strict on, they count the amount of people who come in.

AK: Oh, good.

ET: And so there might be a line afterwards [19:00] if there's like too many people in the store at one time. And I think nearly everybody wears masks because I know Governor Raimondo is like now you have to wear masks when you go out. And yeah, I have hand sanitizer in my car. That's good. I'm still not too worried about the grocery but that's really the only place I go now. And then getting takeout is still like, I still got to do it. Like Tallulah's I went to. I go to Five Guys sometimes in Seekonk because that place is, it's very important to me actually, that Five Guys.

AK: Yeah.

ET: I remember, they once knew me so well they knew when I got a haircut. I'm like, "Wow. That's guys." But yeah, and then I go grocery shopping for my friends as well. Both because sometimes I'm the only one who has a car just because I'm an alum, I have a car.

AK: Yeah.

ET: And also like, “Hey, I’m going does anybody need anything?” Yeah.

AK: What kinds of changes have you been noticing in your community? Like do you step outside and go for a walk [20:00] and notice things that are totally different than what they were five weeks ago, six weeks ago?

ET: Oh, absolutely. It’s so, so quiet, like, so quiet. I go for drives a lot, because it’s just a nice way to clear my head personally. And I have like, a certain route where I go on 195 up to Seekonk and then back down to Providence. And just the roads are completely empty. It’s very, it’s very surreal in a way because I’m normally, I’m used to the traffic.

Yeah, and also just, I don’t know, I think something that I noticed actually is that I like my, my default faces very much a smile that I try – I’m very small, I’m 4’ 11,” I’m, you know, kind of feminine looking so I like making people feel at ease and happy. And I’m also kind of awkward, so like, I’ll bump into people and I’ll smile and be like, “Oh, my bad.” Can’t smile with a mask on. I realized that. [21:00] Like I tried to, you know, give somebody like a hello smile in the grocery and I realized, oh, I’m just staring at this person.

Yeah, I’ve noticed a lot more people on walks. I notice a lot of dogs outside which I’m super happy about. A lot of people on walks and bike rides and things like that. I go up to the bike trail sometimes at Indian Point Park, which is nice to walk. Yeah, the dog park people are still at the dog park, and that makes me happy. Yeah, I yeah, I think that’s mainly it. It feels a little bit more separated, But I don’t know, people are still definitely here.

AK: For the work that you’re doing, is COVID-19 playing into that in terms of statistics or any other like the elements that you need to do your job or what you’re seeing in the work that you [22:00] do?

ET: So there, it was actually a little bit funny, this sound super sad but it was funny, that there was like a fear that I might be laid off. And then immediately afterwards my boss was like, “Hey, could you also run a report on unemployment in Connecticut right now?” And I’m like, “Oh my God, is this a sign?”

AK: Yeah, right.

ET: I'm fine, at least in the next couple months, like, super blessed. But mainly, we just have a lot of like, money with the state is hard so people don't know if they're going to be getting paid. Layoffs are obviously very much a thing. I run some data on, like unemployment rates in Rhode Island, or how many people are filing for unemployment, and then how many people because of their unemployment are going to be eligible for Medicaid or Medicare? I'm not really a health care person. I'm mainly, I'm mainly here for the numbers. You know, my boss just kind of tells me what numbers to run. So I don't know if I can speak directly on how this is impacting like health care in America, but that's mainly what I've been seeing. [23:00]

AK: Was there, I'm sorry, I'm sort of jumping around here a little bit.

ET: No, that's fine.

AK: Was there a moment, or has there been a moment where all of a sudden things got way more serious than they may have seemed a few weeks ago? And I don't want to make this interview about your dad, but has your dad played into any of the kind of feelings or experiences that you're having? Or, you know, his work and his knowledge? Is that playing into how you are experiencing COVID-19?

ET: I think it is. So my dad recently started dating a woman. We were all like, super excited for him and I was supposed to come down to have dinner with her and my dad. We were going to cook together, it was going to be really nice. I think it was a Saturday maybe like, two to three weeks ago. But I remember Governor Raimondo put out the, like the, was it the Shelter in Place Order, I think is what it was called? Like the, "Hey, maybe don't leave your house [24:00] for any like, emergency." And I remember calling my dad and he was like, "Yeah, maybe don't come home." He was super relaxed about it because that's just who he is. He wasn't freaking out. He was like, "Yeah, you know, I'll see you some other time." And then he came the next day and he gave me, we had extra like, those blue surgical masks at home because they, like he just had them for some reason. Doctor stuff, I don't know. But like, I got to meet his new girlfriend

then because she came for the mask. We stood in like a six foot triangle from each other. And yeah, yeah. But he still hasn't really been freaking out which is good. We talk on the phone. But yeah, I think that was kind of the moment where I couldn't go home to see my dad for like our dinner on Saturday where I was like, oh, that's not good. This is kind of the point.

AK: Yeah. Do you think, totally prediction and like shot in the dark here, but are you [25:00] thinking that we'll see any serious changes like when – everyone keeps saying when life goes back to normal – Like, do you think there's going to be a new normal in any element of our lives? Are you hoping there will be a new element of a new normal?

ET: I think that there are definitely going to be changes. I can't see like just going back to what it was before this, or before, like corona or COVID. I think masks might be a thing for a while, maybe like until there's like an actual vaccine and this isn't a thing we have to worry about anymore. Which I'm, I don't know, I'm kind of into the mask wearing like, I know it's dangerous and it makes my glasses fog up and like, my face gets all sweaty. But it makes everybody look kind of cool, like we're all going to go and rob a bank together. I went down to Warwick to go to Proclamation Brewing because they were making a special beer that was like coronavirus related.

AK: Really?

ET: Yeah. It said, it's [26:00] "Knock it off," which is what like Gina Raimondo has been saying.

AK: Yeah, that's awesome. I love it.

ET: 20% of the proceeds go to charity. I'm like beer awesome, I'll get out of the house.

AK: Yeah.

ET: And it was just like a line six feet apart. Everybody was wearing masks. It was just a really weird experience. But yeah, I also think, I'm hoping like telecommuting is going to be more of a

thing like less in person meetings. Zoom is working great, in my opinion. And like I normally work from home. I still have to go into the office sometimes, but I'm hoping that, you know, less, less commuting for people who really, like a positive part. Yeah, I don't know. I don't really know anything else was kind of what I got.

AK: If someone were to listen to this interview tomorrow, what is one thing you would want them to know? And if someone is listening to this interview, 10 years from now, what would you want them to know? [27:00]

ET: I think if somebody was listening to this tomorrow, I would want them to know that this is going to end. I guess that's also something I want to hear tomorrow.

AK: Yeah.

ET: For myself right now, is that this is going to end eventually, like, even if it's in, I don't know, worst case scenario like a year, like, we're going to get there eventually. I feel very confident in Rhode Island especially. I've been really feeling like state pride, which is something I've never had before. Because I'm very like Providence bound. But I really like the way the governor is handling things in Rhode Island. I hope that doesn't age badly if something happens in the future.

AK: I appreciate you taking the risk for me, though.

ET: Yeah, right now I'm pretty happy with how governor Raimondo is handling things. Like this, this is going to end there's no feasible way I can think of this just being forever. And then 10 years from now – [28:00] That's a really good question. I guess it's kind of hard to answer because I don't know how important this is going to be. It feels really important right now. I guess for somebody 10 years from now something that I would want them to take away from this experience is just as much as you think you don't need other people, you probably do more than you think. And that's something I think, I wanted to know 10 years ago because I'm again, I'm very much an introvert. I like being by myself. You know, I was somebody who was like, I just

want me and my cat in my apartment. I live alone. But yeah, I've been relying on a lot of people and a lot of people have been relying on me and that's, that's nice. I rely on my friends to set up like Zoom sessions where we you know, we watch a movie together on Netflix, [29:00] or I don't, I've been relying on other people for the news sometimes when I just I don't want to watch the news because I'm upset about it. And I try to give back like I try to, you know, I have a car. That's it's my thing right now. I'm like, I'm the person with the car. I will drive groceries. Yeah. Yeah, I think that's my answer.

AK: I think a lot of people, me included, identify as introverts. And, you know, this is everything we've ever dreamed of. But at the same time, there's, I think it's a huge element of the agency in making that choice.

ET: Yes!

AK: I don't want to be told to go to my room and stay there. I want to choose to go to my room and stay there.

ET: Exactly!

AK: And so the complete kind of lack of agency is really weird. But then as I'm saying that we're kind of seeing this play out in other states like Michigan and Minnesota and California where people are protesting their right to do what they want when they want and I guess [30:00] maybe questioning government's ability to make people stay home, so I don't know. It's very, it's very complex right now and probably will be 10 years from now.

ET: Yeah, that's true.

AK: But is there anything else you would like to talk about before we wrap this up? Anything that maybe I didn't address that you were hoping to get into the historical record in this interview?

ET: Woa, that's a big ask. Let me think. This is just a weird time in my life. I was not, I wasn't expecting this. I don't think anybody wants. Something that I just think is interesting is, I don't know, I'm just, I'm very proud of the community. And I don't really know what community I'm talking about when I say that, I guess like the people of Earth. I've, I've seen like, a lot of kindness from people [31:00] in a lot of different ways, I was all out of like, cloth for my cross stitch like I was all out of aida, just like a type of, type of cloth. And I posted on a Facebook group for cross stitching and this woman just sent me her extras and didn't make me pay postage.

AK: Wow.

ET: And it was, it was just really nice. And I, I'm feeling very optimistic. Again, this is, this is going to end. There's nothing I can personally do about it. Yeah, yeah, that's it. That's it.

AK: Well, thank you again so much for joining me today. I really appreciated hearing you talk about your experience with COVID-19. And I think you're right. I think it will end soon or end eventually, if not soon. And maybe one day we can meet in real life. So thank you again, so much.

ET: Okay. Thank you.

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