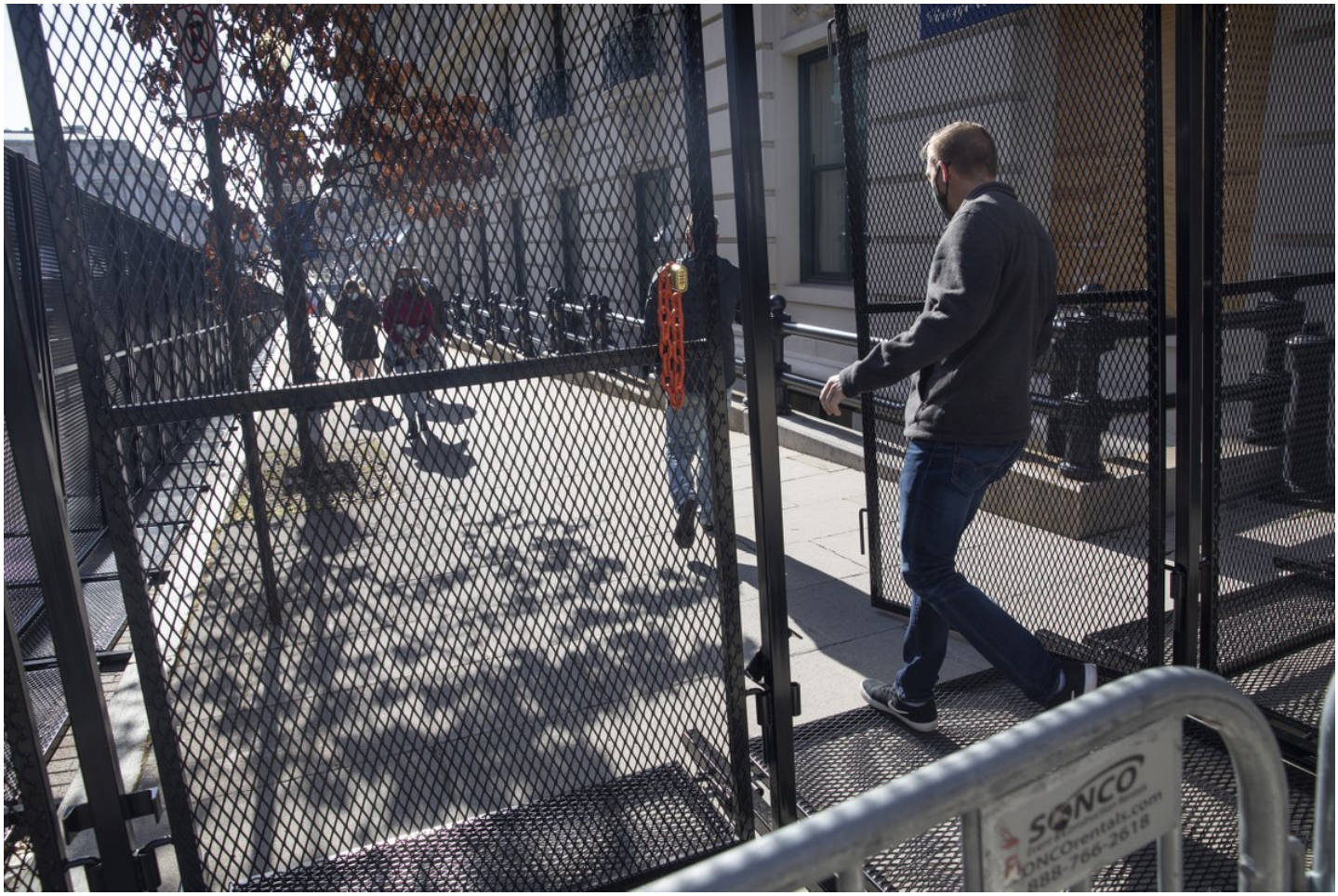
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Inauguration is one of those times that federal Washington and local D.C. collide head on, though never so much as this year. Our team at @wamu885news and @DCist has been relentlessly focused on the second half of that equation....

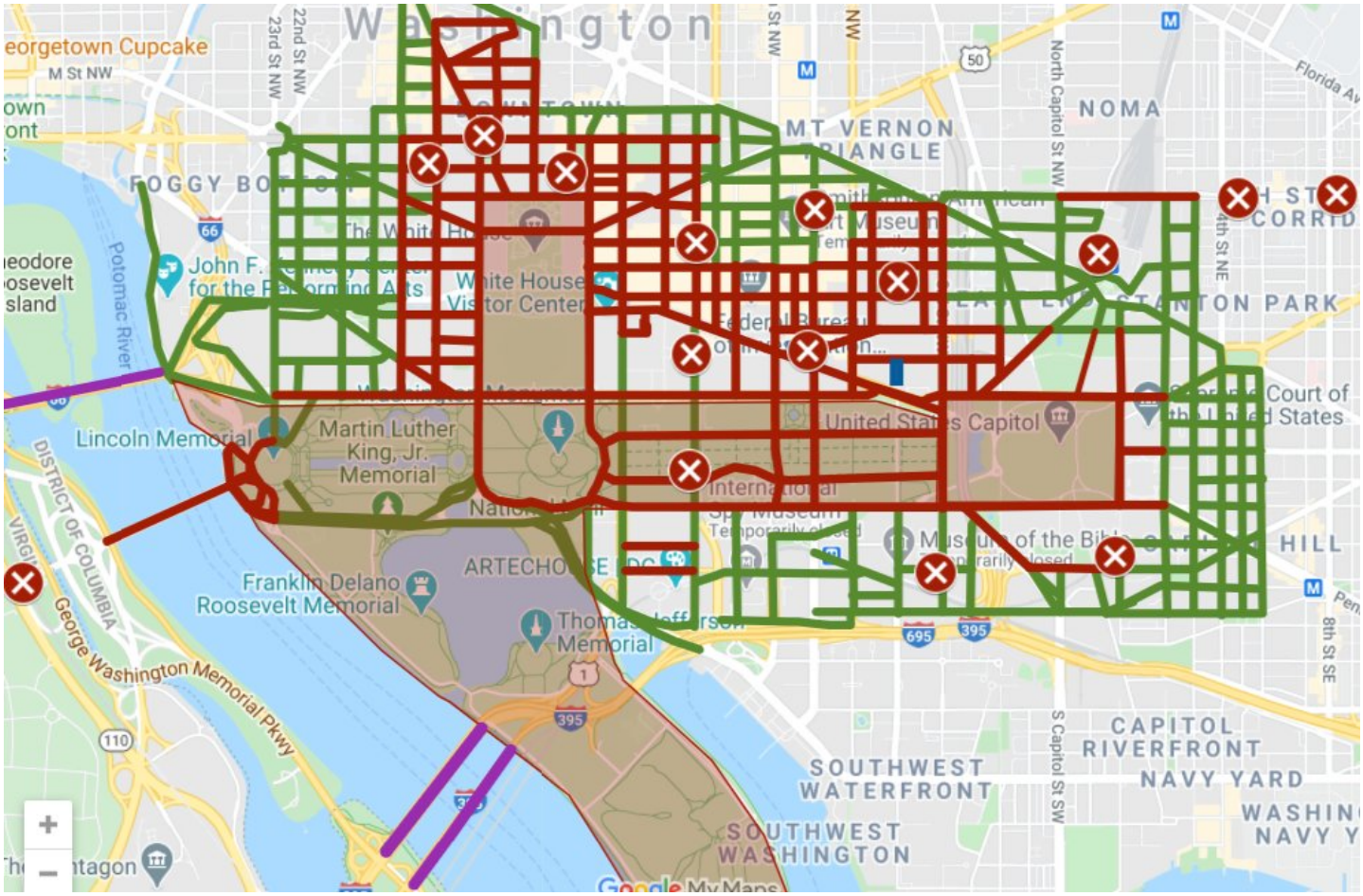
On a bright, cold Saturday, we found a scene that onlookers described as “surreal” and “post-apocalyptic.” One ANC commissioner estimated that troops outnumbered residents five to one. https://t.co/CVYH5gC26E



Residents in the militarized zone described how their lives have been ensnared by the security apparatus. “With the bridges closing out of Virginia, it feels like it’s just us, and the whole world is watching.” https://t.co/HbW2FtOsjm



Speaking of the bridges closing, @JWPascale mapped out the street closures. As Mayor Muriel Bowser put it: “Clearly we are in unchartered waters.” https://t.co/qU9lOPCqsx



All of those closures and new security measures have upended the lives and services of people experiencing homelessness, as @mikafrak reported https://t.co/gl7S8bhsFT

So what is the likelihood of far-right violence? @Curious_Kurz @margaretbarthel @dbonessi spoke to experts who said major crowds are unlikely but there may be diffuse violence. And they warned it could continue well beyond inauguration. https://t.co/oV4SZ6LzF1



Need a drink after all that? True to form, D.C.’s restaurants have stepped up with all manner of inauguration-themed deals and offerings. From @ecwilliams30 https://t.co/OUXqAG0JqB

Speaking of restaurants, a number have donated pizza and other offerings to the thousands of National Guard troops in town. Do they actually need it? @JacobFenston reported on the phenomenon. https://t.co/31lnMj0WUA



Plus, here’s what we know about the scheduled plans for inauguration itself: https://t.co/g0AXGexc0B

And that’s not even all of it. Keep up with our continuing inauguration coverage here: https://t.co/g115EQt5PD