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No need to privatize USPS

Your article "Some UPS packages sent through Oakland hub see significant delays" (June 20) offers a telling glimpse into what is likely to occur if the nation's postal service is privatized.

Increased package volume and expanded routes have stretched UPS drivers, resulting in significant delays. My neighbor paid for two-day UPS delivery and nearly a week later, still has not received her order as the delivery dates are ever-changing.

Conversely, packages sent via USPS arrive promptly as the U.S. Postal Service has both the fleet and workforce to manage even the most obscure, rural routes. For that reason alone, Congress should bolster its support of USPS and actively resist attempts to privatize it, which would not only be foolhardy, but end in failure.

Dee Hunt, Martinez

Justice system's failures

Regarding "Once again, we will wait and see" (Insight, June 21): Keith Carson writes an excellent article on how our land has been drenched by institutional racism. He asks, "Will the outrage turn to action against institutionalized racism?" I suggest the question should be: Why does the status quo publicly refuse to admit that systemic racism and the egregious inequalities in our criminal justice system is one of the biggest failures of our 244-year-old experiment in self-governance? Such questions must be part of the national debate surrounding the 2020 election.

Lou Horwitz, St. Peters, Mo.

to see Anish Kapoor's Cloud Gate ("The Bean"), and Robert Indiana's LOVE sculpture has been replicated in many locations since its original Indianapolis installation in 1970. Art can be controversial, but it may not be as polarizing as our statuary has become.

Dianne Hendricks, Corte Madera

No rush to reopen

After reading "Virus hospitalizations hit record high in state" (June 22), about the number of people hospitalized in California with confirmed cases of COVID-19 having reached its highest point this past Saturday since the onset of the pandemic, I have this question for Gov. Gavin Newsom: Why are most California counties now receiving approval to move into Stage 3 of reopening our state's economy, where services like indoor dining, fitness centers and hotels will surely involve more asymptomatic people coming into contact with each other? Forgive me if I disagree with Dr. Bob Wachter, head of UCSF's Department of Medicine, who characterized this reopening decision as being "generally thoughtful."

Fiona MacPherson, San Jose

Objective look at racism

Regarding "An overdue reckoning on Confederate icons" (John Diaz, Insight, June 21): I respectfully disagree with John Diaz giving a pass to former Presidents George Washington and Thomas Jefferson for owning slaves. Although we have revered these forefathers for their roles in our early history, we have too often blindly ignored their faults.