

# Carriers and the mail make news online



Sanquan Long in his video that went viral

**M**ail-centered stories frequently appear on social media and online news sites. The following are a few that have come to NALC’s attention recently. If you find a story you’d like us to consider featuring, send it to [postalrecord@nalc.org](mailto:postalrecord@nalc.org).

## Carrier goes viral for delivering mail to ‘The Ton’

**Sanquan Long** went viral for delivering mail to “The Ton”—Washington, DC, that is—with a Regency era spring in his step inspired by the “Bridgerton” TV series. As he delivers mail, he moves in the manner that Hyacinth, the youngest of the Bridgerton children, dances in her first recital depicted in the second part of Season 4, which came out on Feb. 26. She and the other characters her age dance in the ballroom to a classical version of Charlie XCX’s “360” with their feet moving in a manner that

gives a bouncy effect.

After it aired, fans started posting videos of themselves doing various things while stepping the way they did in the recital. The Branch 142 member decided to participate in the trend. In the TikTok video it is raining, and his truck door opens to Long getting his mail ready to deliver, then he steps in the same way Hyacinth did with his mail in hand on the way to several customers’ front doors. He then stepped to one delivery and another with mail in his hands.

The post is captioned with “POV: Your mail, always arriving in style #Bridgerton.”

The video had 1.1 million views, more than 204,000 likes and 1,300-plus comments by mid-March.

Long has been posting TikToks for a while and told *The Postal Record*, “I always try to reach for like a million [views]” on his videos, although he was surprised to go viral.

Several of the commenters were national and international brands like Sprite, Drumstick, Audible, Ulta Beauty, Welch’s, Pepsi and many more. Pepsi commented, “Most eligible mailman of the season.” Welch’s commented, “The talk of the ton.” One user commented, “Is your dance card full?” Another said, “The way I’d be Bridgerton dancing out the door to meet you in the driveway for the mail.”

While appreciative of the support, Long still hasn’t actually seen the show and said his mom has been telling him he needs to watch it so that he knows how to reply to the comments. He said he planned to watch it, eventually.

“I’m into sci-fi,” he told *The Postal Record*. “I need some aliens in ‘Bridgerton’ or something like that.”

Despite not being a fan of the show, he said, “When I saw the dance, I was like, ‘I gotta do this dance.’ I’m always dancing.”

## USPS issues Bruce Lee stamp

Bruce Lee was the first Asian lead in an American film, a Chinese martial artist, and an actor and filmmaker. He was born in San Francisco, CA, but grew up in Hong Kong, where he often was cast in movies as a juvenile delinquent or street urchin as a child. As a teen, he was in local gangs and learned kung fu to defend himself. At 18, he was sent to the United States,



The new Bruce Lee stamp

where he opened two martial arts schools in which he taught his own technique called *jeet kune do*.

At a demonstration at a Los Angeles karate tournament, he was discovered and cast as the sidekick in the TV show “Green Hornet,” which was canceled after one season. So, Lee moved back to Hong Kong, where he starred in two record-breaking films, “Fist of Fury” and “Way of the Dragon,” then used his success to create his own production company, where he co-produced, directed, wrote and starred in his own film, “Game of Death,” which he never completed. His biggest success, “Enter the Dragon,” was the last he completed, due to his unexpected death at 32 years of age from an allergic reaction to a painkiller.

Lee’s stamp shows his iconic flying kick and is set up against a bright yellow brushstroke meant to be a reference to the iconic yellow tracksuit Lee wore in “Game of Death”—which was pieced together using stand-ins and cardboard cutouts after his death. The stamp was issued Feb. 18 in Seattle, WA.

### Video of Illinois letter carrier singing goes viral

Chicago, IL Branch 11 member **Lavonte C. Harvey** decided to sing a song to a grandma, and that video went viral and had 30,500 Instagram likes in mid-March. In the doorbell camera video, he uttered, “Hey Granny” and began to sing part of the “Half and Half” TV show theme song. After finishing, he says, “Happy early birthday,” then is on his way to deliver more mail on his route.

Granny sent the video to her granddaughter Whitney Cumbo, who posted

it on Instagram after it lifted her spirits following her husband’s death.

“I love my grandma,” Cumbo wrote on her Instagram post. “I wanna give her the world so I love when ppl do kind gestures for her.”

Many letter carriers do kind deeds as part of their daily jobs as letter carriers, such as bringing customers’ mail right to their door, checking in on them and even performing heroic acts. Harvey tries to make a positive impact on his route with his voice. He often sings on his rounds and told an ABC affiliate that he “didn’t expect for it to go viral.”

“For me, singing isn’t just music,” he said. “It’s about ministry, it’s about spreading hope and joy.”

Cumbo started a fundraiser for Harvey, which paid for a new truck for him, significantly shortening his commute time. Since, the carrier also started a clothing company, where he spreads messages of joy. **PR**

Lavonte C. Harvey’s song, captured on a doorbell camera, made news on the Chicago ABC affiliate.

