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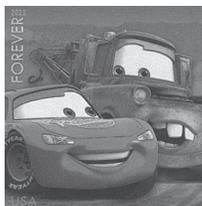
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Aside from acting, Newman's other passion was auto racing. He first became interested while training for the film *Winning* in 1969. Newman completed his first professional race in 1972 and went by "P.L. Newman" so as not to draw attention. He competed in the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA) National Championship Runoffs 11 times, winning four of those races. He continued to race into his 80s and was posthumously inducted into the SCCA Hall of Fame.

While acting was his craft, philanthropy was Newman's calling. He donated his personal resources wherever there was a need. A man of many talents, Newman used to make salad dressings to give to friends and family. He decided he could turn it into a charitable business – and he did. In 1982, he started his own company, aptly named "Newman's Own." Today, his legacy lives on through his namesake foundation. In its 30-plus years, the company has donated over \$550 million to charity – all from the profits and royalties of Newman's Own products, just as Paul intended. Newman also co-founded the Safe Water Network, which provides sustainable drinking water to those in need.

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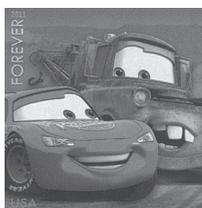
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