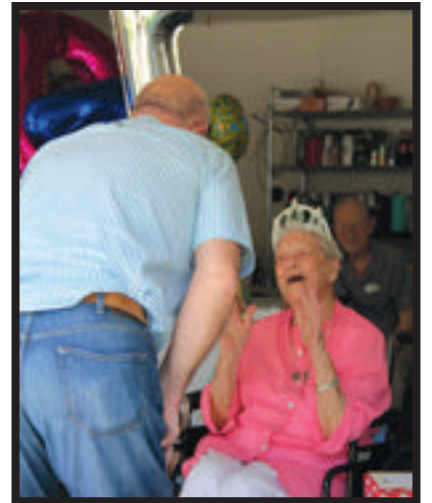
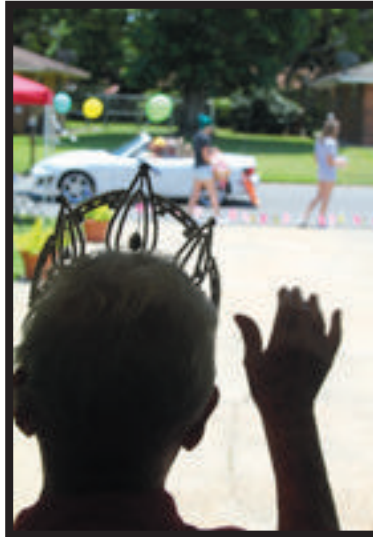


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# Long Beach resident celebrates 105 years with wisdom and humor

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didate for surgery. She has since been bound to a wheelchair, and macular degeneration keeps her from reading and crocheting, some of her favorite pastimes. Smith makes the best of her situation, though, and said she thrives under the care of her family and hospice helpers.

"I told them if they thought I was going to go to sleep just to please them, they were nuts," she laughed. "I'm not going anywhere 'til the good Lord says to come home."

She said she wasn't ever really into television, but she enjoys the Steve Harvey show because, "He's honest and

clean, and he tells it like it is."

She tells it like it is, too.

"I told my grandson if I were a little younger, I'd make Steve Harvey his grandpa," she said with a laugh.

She also loves listening to Frank Sinatra.

"I don't like this bee-bop stuff today,"

she said.

She said she tries to steer clear of the internet and encourages people to pray more. And when it comes to the state of the world, she'd rather not get into that.

"My answer requires a lot of diplomacy that I can't muster up right now," she said.

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