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Pete had surgery on his lung on Monday. It was benign and he's recovering. I sent him a note. Angela talked to me about it and how they hoped he would stop smoking now that he's had the warning and luck. The picture you get, again is Angela trying to protect him. "We'll keep carrot sticks on the desk and no cal gum in the drawers. He says he's going to quit; but it will have to come from him. We tried nagging and that didn't work. He would sneak his smokes just like a little boy. We've had hundreds of telgrams, letters and calls from New Mexico and they all have one message 'Stop Smoking, for our sakes.'"

I met Lee Rawls. They have a campaign manager Frank Bond. "Bell and I like him, he's our age. He's had political experience." "Was a legislator and campaign manager I think. They also took David Nummy from Budget to do computer accounting type stuff and he's out there. They are fund raising, getting a computer list. They are "in transition" moving the campaign out to New Mexico.

"We have narrowed down the likely opponents to three, the most likely of which is a man named Franklin. He is the Democratic state chairman and had experience running the campaign of Anaya and <sup>is a man</sup> ~~Bridgman~~. He's not hispanic and he has the wrong name - not Baca or something like that. So we ought to be able to work in their own back yard, with the Hispanics, cut into their vote and pin them down there. It's a tough state. A Republican starts with 40% against him. Then the two parties fight for the next 11 percent."

Only worries they had were Pete's health, scandal and such a bad economy that all Republicans will get swept out. It sounds like number three is their biggest worry.

He compared 1984 to 1978. "It will be very different. In 1978 you had a

first term senator grasping, or thrashing to find a record--bargain bills and such. This time the problem is distilling his record of national accomplishment. And, now with appropriations, we have been shoveling grants into the state. That is something you might want to look at. Our list of appropriations for the state is so long nobody can't believe it. So up here we've got the national record and down here we've got the record of things done for the state." He's got one hand up high in the air and one down low as he talks.)