

doing very well despite the distraction of the Witch Hunt. Many new jobs, high business enthusiasm,.. " ... **at 6:46 a.m.:** "...massive regulation cuts, 36 new legislative bills signed, great new S.C.Justice, and Infrastructure, Healthcare and Tax Cuts in works!" ...**at 7:02 a.m.:** "The new Rasmussen Poll, one of the most accurate in the 2016 Election, just out with a Trump 50% Approval Rating.That's higher than O's #'s!"

-- **@kylegriffin1:** "For reference (spot the outlier): Gallup 38 ... Economist/YouGov 42 ... Reuters/Ipsos 40 ... PPP 41 ... Quinnipiac 34 ... Rasmussen 50"

TAKE NOTE: Trump had just one surrogate on the Sunday shows: a member of his legal team. Not one Cabinet secretary or adviser talking about policy or politics.

SUNDAY BEST, PART I -- JAY SEKULOW tells **CHUCK TODD** on **NBC'S "MEET THE PRESS"** that the president isn't under investigation -- **TODD:** "The president tweeted earlier this week, 'I am being investigated for firing the F.B.I. director by the man who told me to fire the F.B.I. director. Witch hunt.' So let me start with this. When did the president become aware that he was officially under investigation by the special counsel?" **SEKULOW:** "The president is not under investigation by the special counsel. The tweet from the president was in response to the five anonymous sources that were purportedly leaking information to The Washington Post about a potential investigation of the president. But the president, as James Comey said in his testimony and as we know as of today, the president has not been and is not under investigation."

-- **MARCO RUBIO** to **JAKE TAPPER** on **CNN's "STATE OF THE UNION" --**
TAPPER: "Some of your Senate colleagues, as you know, are concerned that President Trump is preparing to fire Mueller or Mueller and Rosenstein. How would you react if he did?" **RUBIO:** "Well, first of all, that's not going to happen. I don't believe it's going to happen. And here's what I would say. The best thing that could happen for the president, and the country, is a full and credible investigation. I really, truly believe that. If we want to put all this behind us, let's find out what happened, let's put it out there, and let's not undermine the credibility of the investigation. And so my view on it is that's the best thing that could happen for the president and for the country, and I believe ultimately that's what will happen, irrespective of all the other stuff that's going on out there."

-- **SEKULOW GETS TESTY** under sharp questioning from Chris Wallace on "Fox News Sunday": "I do not appreciate you putting words in my mouth, when I've been crystal clear that the president is not and has not been under investigation."

SOME HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE PRESIDENT'S WEEK -- MONDAY: Trump has Panamanian President Juan Carlos Varela and his wife to the White House. He will participate in an American Technology Council roundtable at 5 p.m. **WEDNESDAY:** The president is going to Iowa. **THURSDAY:** The Congressional picnic.

THE BIG SUNDAY READ -- NYT, A1 -- "How Michael Flynn's Disdain for Limits Led to a Legal Quagmire," by Nick Confessore, Matt Rosenberg and Danny Hakim: "Mr. Flynn decided that the military's loss would be his gain: He would parlay his contacts, his disdain for conventional bureaucracy, and his intelligence career battling Al Qaeda into a lucrative business advising cybersecurity firms and other government contractors. Over the next two years he would sign on as a consultant to nearly two dozen companies, while carving out a niche as a sought-after author and speaker -- and ultimately becoming a top adviser to President Trump.

"I've always had that entrepreneurial spirit," Mr. Flynn said in an interview in October 2015. In the military, he added, 'I learned that following the way you're supposed to do things isn't always the way to accomplish a task.' But instead of lofting him into the upper ranks of Beltway bandits, where some other top soldiers have landed, his foray into consulting has become a legal and political quagmire, driven by the same disdain for boundaries that once propelled his rise in the military."

<http://nyti.ms/2sDrCkx>

SCALISE UPDATE -- "Hospital says Scalise showing 'signs of improvement' after additional surgery," by Rebecca Morin: "[House] Majority Whip Steve Scalise is showing 'signs of improvement' and is 'speaking with his loved ones' following an additional surgery, according to an update provided by MedStar Washington Hospital Center on Saturday. The hospital also downgraded his condition from critical to serious.

"Congressman Steve Scalise is in serious condition. He underwent another surgery today, but continues to show signs of improvement,' according to a statement from the hospital, courtesy of the Scalise family. 'He is more responsive, and is speaking with his loved ones. The Scalise family greatly appreciates the outpouring of thoughts and prayers.'" <http://politi.co/2tBoHG5>

-- **TEAM SCALISE** 's video from Thursday's Congressional baseball game

<http://bit.ly/2rsXeGe>

FROM TYSON LOBBYIST MATT MIKA'S FAMILY: "We want to thank the team at