A FEDERAL SPENDING BILL, APPROVED OVER THE WEEKEND BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, INCLUDES FUNDING TO HELP FIGHT GANG VIOLENCE. IF IT IS PASSED IN THE SENATE, AND GETS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT BUSH, THE OMNIBUS FEDERAL SPENDING BILL COULD MEAN MORE THAN 1 AND A HALF MILLION DOLLARS GOING TO PROGRAMS THAT TRY ADDRESS THE ROOTS OF GANG VIOLENCE IN THE CITY OF SALINAS.

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