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A MOSQUE AND A THINK TANK

We're growing up What do a proposed $11 million mosque in Vineland

and the new William J. Hughes Center for Public Policy at the Richard Stockton College of New Jersey have in common? <",,",. ,

Both are welcome signs that, culturally and intellec-tually, little old southern New Jersey is growing up.
The Hughes center - named after former longtime U.S. Rep.William J. Hughes - has a $1 million endow.., ment and was dedicated this week at a ceremony featur-ing Hughes, Gov.Jon S. Corzine, former GoY.James Florio and NewMexico Gov.BillRichardson, a longtime colleague of Hughes. Heavy hitters, in other words.
The center, headed by Sharon Schulman, 'willserve
as a think tank researching public-policy and economic
,issues, conducting polls and sponsoring political
debates. In fact, the center has already jointly sponsored
a poll v\i'lthThe Press ofAtlantic City, and the newspaper
and the center are the co-sponsors of a and public officials make more informed decisions about the issues of the day.Weloome aboard.
But man does not live by politics alone - which
brings us to the full-sized mosque that Dr. Hassan Salah,
a Gloucester County pediatrician, hopes to,bring to
Vineland. The region's Mu~lims, for the most part, now
worship in scattered, overcrowded storefronts and con-verted houses. Salah and his supporters hope to build