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Zia Razvi (right) of Farmington Hills passes a breakfast dish to oldest son, Tariq. Continuing around the table to the left are son, Saqib, and father, Syed. Hidden behind Zia is daughter, Ayesha. Breakfast this particular morning consisted of lentil mash, moatball curry and two different fresh breads, Roti and Parathay.

# Muslims mark Ramadan

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begins at sunset and ends at sundown each day. In keeping with the month's emphasis on self-denial, the meal isn't large. "We don't eat heavy greased or starchy foods. We eat milk and cereal, light foods," Razvi said.

During the month, Muslims also abstain from other forms of satisfaction, such as smoking or sexual intimacy.

Sunset marks the end of each day's fast. Fasts must be broken at a specified time. Since the day's length is determined by sunset and sunrise, the time of fasting isn't uniform. "The first fast lasted 14 hours and the last fast will be one hour," Razvi said.

Traditionally, the fast is broken by eating dates and fruit juice, but specific foods aren't prescribed. "As a

**'When you start fasting, it's with a spiritual intention. It's between you and God.'**

— Syed Razvi  
Farmington Hills

On weeknights, potluck dinners are held in the mosque for the congregation. On weekends, three or four families sponsor dinner for the rest of the congregation. In addition, families hold dinner parties in their homes for relatives and friends.

Prayers at 9 a.m. Friday, April 27, in the mosque will mark the end of this year's fast. "At the end of the month, we give thanks to Allah," Razvi said.

Feasting follows the end of the fast. This year, the fast ends on a Friday, so the traditional feast, Eid-Al-Fitr, will be conducted on a weekend.

Tradition calls for Muslims to wear new clothing and shoes and to give gifts to friends and relatives. "It's like a small Christmas," Razvi said.

student, when I was in class and the fast ended, I would chew gum," Razvi said.

ABOUT 1½ hours after the fast is broken, individual night prayers, Isha, are said. Special group prayers, called taraweeh, are recited next.

Then a light dinner is eaten. There is a certain strategy to eating during the month. "We have to remember to eat less so we're hungry the next morning," he said.

# Court renovation sought

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That wouldn't include the cost involved with adding a third judge's salary and the salaries of a support staff, including court reporter, court officer and secretary, Deadman said.

"It is not up for serious consideration. So no one has put a pencil to it to determine how much it would really cost," Deadman said.

"It would not be a decision of the two judges but of the two control units. The addition of a third judge is an expensive addition to the court," Deadman continued.

FARMINGTON AND Farmington Hills are the control units that finance the district court, including a share of the judges' salaries. Effective Jan. 1, 1990, district judge salaries are \$93,817, with Farmington and Farmington Hills paying a \$41,047 share.

Schaeffer believes a third judge would help handle the continually

growing caseload. The caseload, handled by the two judges and three part-time magistrates, hit 36,210 in 1989. In 1988, the caseload was 34,017 and in 1987, 32,284.

"The caseload creeps up each year. But it's just enough to notice a heavier load," said court administrator Marilyn DuGuld.

The court employs 26 full-time, including Schaeffer and Judge Fred Harris, and nine part-time employees.

In the proposed 1990-91 budget, court officials are requesting an additional probation officer and more help in the clerical department, DuGuld said.

"We need more people but we also need more room to put people in here," she said. "You feel just drained in such close quarters."

The estimated \$190,000 renovation of the civil and traffic divisions is an interim measure to an estimated \$300,000 major renovation of the existing facility or the \$1.4 million renovation and expansion, Allen said.

With the \$190,000 renovation, about \$5,000-\$7,000 would be lost if there's a later decision to expand the courthouse.

"That would be a relatively low investment," Farmington Hills city manager William Costick said.

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