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## Abortion

### No clinics cited over disposal of fetuses

By Alan Johnson, Catherine Candisky and Randy Ludlow  
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The Ohio Department of Health has not cited Planned Parenthood or any current abortion clinic for improper

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disposal of fetal remains in the past five years, according to a *Dispatch* review of state inspection reports.

Health Department officials said they check only to see that clinics have valid contracts for disposing of fetal remains.

Because there is no evidence a state requirement for "humane" disposal of aborted fetuses was ever enforced, an announcement on Friday by Attorney General Mike DeWine

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## Trading places / Grandview Heights



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Anna Kalnow, left, and Anne Gerdes chat as Kalnow totes some of her things into Gerdes' former home on W. 1st Avenue.

# HOUSE SWAP

Neighbors meet when they decide to buy each other's homes

By Jim Weiker • THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

**A**nna and Drew Kalnow were interested in a larger home. • Anne Gerdes was looking to downsize. • Both wanted to stay in their Grandview Heights neighborhood.

On Friday, they made it happen: They

swapped houses.

With the help of friends, families and movers, they spent the day hauling their belongings across W. 1st Avenue from one home to the other.

"It worked out so well," Gerdes said, "it was meant to be."

The unusual trade originated at the end of October,

when Drew's mother, Carol Kalnow, noticed a for-sale-by-owner sign in Gerdes' front yard.

Her son and daughter-in-law had talked about wanting a bigger home but not wanting to leave the neighborhood.

The couple, both 34, have

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## Latest study

### Baby-death rate rising for blacks

By Darrel Rowland  
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Fewer babies are dying in Ohio than at any point in at least 75 years, but the mortality rate for black infants increased last year.

The good news/bad news Ohio Department of Health report on infant mortality released on Friday shows that for the first time since the state began keeping records in 1939,

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## Custody mix-up

### Death of truant to alter rules

By Rita Price  
THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH

Truancy centers in the city have begun taking extra steps to make sure youths are not released to family members who don't have custody or guardianship, a program official said on Friday.

The procedural review comes after *The Dispatch* reported last week that a truant foster teen who did not

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**House swap**

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lived in Grandview for nine years. After their son, Teddy, came along three years ago, they began worrying about outgrowing their 1,392-square-foot, three-bedroom home.

They had casually started to look for larger homes and had even identified a few they admired — including Gerdes', with its double lot, garage and third story.

"We thought, 'If that ever goes on the market ...'" said Drew Kalnow, an emergency-room physician.

Gerdes, meanwhile, was looking for something smaller. With her 15-year-old son, Dylan, due to graduate from high school in a few years, she no longer wanted a four-bedroom home with 2,000 square feet (including the unfinished third floor) for herself and her younger son, Liam, 8.

"I needed to downsize," said Gerdes, 42, a teacher who attends nursing school. "Being a single mom, it's just too much for me to care for."

After Anna Kalnow's mother-in-law told her about the for-sale sign, Anna immediately called Gerdes. Even though the families have lived four doors apart (on opposite sides of the street) for more than seven years, they had never met.

"She said, 'Where do you live?'" recalled Anna Kalnow, an interior designer. "I said, 'Across the street.' So she came over and looked at our house, and then we went back and forth."

They both liked what they saw.

Even Gerdes' son Liam signed off on the deal once he understood that he would remain in the neighborhood close to friends.

"I was relieved," he said. The families contacted Susanne Casey, a RE/MAX Impact agent who helped the Kalnows buy their house.

Casey had tried to broker such deals before but knew they rarely worked. This proved to be an ex-



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Anna and Drew Kalnow move belongings to a bigger house on a corner lot steps away in Grandview Heights.



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The Kalnows move out of, and Anne Gerdes moves into, 1893 W. 1st Ave.



The Kalnows carry items into their new home at 1866 W. 1st Ave.



ABOVE: Anna Kalnow navigates some of Gerdes' possessions as the two trade houses.

LEFT: Gerdes tickles her son Liam, 8, as he lies on her bed and plays with Beanie during Friday's move.



ception, in part because the families were so amicable.

"It's rare that there are houses that fit both sides,

for one thing," Casey said, "and that people are so agreeable."

The families arranged the prices — \$625,000 for Gerdes' home, \$359,000 for the Kalnows' — and had Casey draw up the deal, which closed on Monday.

Knowing that their buyers would be their neighbors, the families spruced up their homes. The Kalnows painted the basement, and Gerdes painted trim.

Gerdes liked the Kal-

nows' hutch, dining-room set and armoire, so both sides arranged for those to remain. The Kalnows liked Gerdes' hutch and a large table in one of the bedrooms, so those stayed put.

The couples arranged the rest of the move with Zippy Shell, a moving-and-storage company.

"This is a first for us," said Dave Rothman, president of the Columbus Zippy Shell franchise.

The families prepacked some belongings in Zippy

Shell containers and saved the balance for Friday.

At 9 a.m., two crews started emptying the homes as the owners carried smaller items past one another on the sidewalk, piling belongings outside each of their new homes.

When both houses were empty, they completed the transfer by moving the items in — completing the whole process in nine hours.

"At the end of the day, we have new friends, not

just new neighbors," Drew Kalnow said.

Gerdes seconded the notion.

"They're the people I want to own this house," she said.

Still, the move isn't without concerns.

Gerdes wonders how her cats, Beanie and Betsy, will handle the switch.

"They might get a little confused," she said, "when they come home and don't find us."

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