39. \ TAKS REASONING The table below gives the winning times (in seconds) in the Olympic 100 meter freestyle swimming event for the period 1972–2000.

Years since 1972, x	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28
Men's time, m	51.2	50.0	50.4	49.8	48.6	49.0	48.7	48.3
Women's time, w	58.6	55.7	54.8	55.9	54.9	54.6	54.4	53.8

- **a.** Use a graphing calculator to fit a line to the data pairs (*x*, *m*).
- **b.** Use a graphing calculator to fit a line to the data pairs (x, w).
- **c.** Graph the lines and predict when the women's performance will catch up to the men's performance.
- d. Do you think your prediction from part (c) is reasonable? *Explain*.
- **40. CHALLENGE** Your house and your friend's house are both on a street that passes by a park, as shown below.



At 1:00 P.M., you and your friend leave your houses on bicycles and head toward the park. You travel at a speed of 25 feet per second, and your friend also travels at a constant speed. You both reach the park at the same time.

- **a.** Write and graph an equation giving your distance *d* (in feet) from the park after *t* seconds.
- **b.** At what speed does your friend travel to the park? *Explain* how you found your answer.
- **c.** Write an equation giving your friend's distance *d* (in feet) from the park after *t* seconds. Graph the equation in the same coordinate plane you used for part (a).

