ALONE AT THE FINISH -- A solitary Joan Benoit strides before the huge crowd in the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum as she approaches the finish line to win the first Olympic marathon for women. She completed the course in 2 hours 24 minutes and 52 seconds, about 430 meters ahead of second place finisher Grete Waitz of Norway. The 27-year-old Benoit, from Freeport, Maine, holds the world record for the event, 2:22:43, set in Boston in 1983. (84-2770-C)

C2557773