like a Broadway star ready for the final performance space shuttle Discovery took center stage as it emerged through the Vehicle Assembly buildings towering door the shuttle began at three point four mile journey to launch pad 39a NASA's Kennedy Space Center just after sunset departing the mammoth building shortly before seven-thirty p.m. eastern daylight time on september 20th as it moved down the crawler way discovery was illuminated by bright xenon lights during the first part of its trek the spacecraft NASA's longest-serving
The shuttle in the fleet will make its final flight on the STS-133 mission to the International Space Station gathering to witness one of the final space shuttle rollouts and share the moment of space history where several astronauts as well as Kennedy employees along with their families and friends stack with its solid rocket boosters and external fuel tank on the mobile launcher platform the shuttle slow roll atop a crawler-transporter took about six and a half hours reaching the seaside launch pad just before 2 a.m. on this final
flight discovery will carry the
permanent multi-purpose module Robonaut
bound for the station a crew of six
astronauts will conduct the 11-day mission which is targeted for launch in early November from NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Florida I'm George Diller