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Unlike with Hubble repairs, Mars missions, etc? Because it is a SCAM.

Endeavour docks with space station

- \* Story Highlights
- \* Crews greet each other after shuttle Endeavour docks with space station
- \* Before docking, the shuttle did a 360-degree backflip so photos could be taken
- \* Being delivered: an extra bathroom, kitchenette and exercise machine
- \* Also arriving: Two new sleeping compartments, a recycling system for water

(CNN) -- The international space station's three crew members Sunday welcomed aboard space shuttle Endeavour's seven astronauts, who arrived to help install more living areas and upgrade amenities.

"We understand that this house is in need of an extreme makeover, and that you're the crew to do it," station commander Mike Fincke told Endeavour's astronauts after they entered the station. "We're really glad to see you. ... Welcome to space."

The shuttle, which also brought mission specialist Sandra Magnus to replace station flight engineer Greg Chamitoff, had docked with the station just after 5 p.m. ET about 212 miles above northern India.

Two hours after the docking, the crews opened their vehicles' hatches and exchanged hugs and handshakes as Endeavour's astronauts entered the station.

"We're looking forward to working on your house and making it looking a little bit better when you're done," shuttle commander Chris Ferguson said. The greetings were shown live on NASA TV.

Chamitoff, who has been on the space station for nearly six months, greeted his ride home enthusiastically shortly after the docking. [VideoWatch the docking »](#)

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"You look beautiful," Chamitoff said by radio. "I am smiling from ear to ear." PhotoSee photos of shuttle launch, docking »

Before the shuttle docked, it did a nine-minute backflip so station astronauts could take high-resolution pictures of the shuttle's thermal-protection system, NASA said. The photos were transferred to Earth, and NASA will look at the photos for damage on Endeavour, which launched Friday.

It was a gash on the wing of space shuttle Columbia that caused its destruction and the deaths of seven astronauts during re-entry February 1, 2003.

NASA will first determine whether the images show any damage to part of Endeavour's starboard wing. That determination needs to be made before the installation of a new station module, scheduled for Monday, because the module would be in the way sh