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## Bowie Town Center Holds Grand Opening Concert and Fireworks Display

### Commodores Featured at Free Concert

**Bowie, Maryland, October 29, 2001** – In celebration of its grand opening, Bowie Town Center will hold a free concert and fireworks display. The concert features the Grammy-award winning Commodores. The Commodores performance will be followed by a spectacular patriotic fireworks display. Red, white, and blue glow sticks will be distributed while supplies last.

**What:** A free concert and fireworks display in celebration of Bowie Town Center's grand opening. The concert will feature the Grammy-award winning Commodores. The fireworks display will have a patriotic flare.

**When:** Friday, November 9, 2001, 9:30 p.m. – 10:40 p.m.

**Where:** Bowie Town Center, 15606 Emerald Way, Bowie, MD, stage in front of fountain on Emerald Way.

**Spokespersons:** Members of the Commodores will be available prior to the concert for interviews. Interview appointments must be made by calling Billie Scott at 317-263-7148.

**Photo Opportunities:** Commodores in concert, fireworks display.

**Directions:** From Washington, D.C., take route 50 east, Exit onto Route 197 (Bowie). Make right at fork in ramp. Go through first light at Northview Drive. Turn right at second light onto Town Center Boulevard into Bowie Town Center parking area.

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From Baltimore, take Route 3 north, take right onto route 197 (at Rip's Restaurant). Go through first light at Mitchellville Road. Make a left at second light onto Town Center Boulevard into Bowie Town Center parking area.

The Commodores have entertained audiences for three decades. They have churned out hits over the years such as, "Brick House," "Night Shift," and "Sail On." The Commodores did not rest on their early hits. They have continued to put out quality music. They released Commodores Hits Volume 1, Commodores Hits Volume II, Commodores Christmas, and Commodores XX-No Tricks. The newest CD "Commodores Live" was recorded during the group's 1997 U.S. tour, and released in December 1998, along with the TV special of the same name.

The Commodores' friend and colleague, Lionel Richie, left the band in 1983. Despite a string of hits in the 1970's and 1980's, they won their first Grammy award for the single and LP, "Night Shift" in 1986. With their new CDs, tours, and new record label, the Commodores have maintained their place among the most successful entertainers in the world. They enjoy performing hit music to a whole new generation of fans.

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