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#### **BOLTZ, OUT OF RETIREMENT**

American singer Ray Boltz has come out of retirement announcing he's gay.

The singer best known for songs like *Thank You* and *Watch The Lamb* has had a string of number one Christian radio hits, and has sold more than four million CDs.

Boltz has revealed what he calls his "double-life" to several gay publications this week.

The singer says he tried to change. He fought depression, even suicide.

He retired from Contemporary Christian Music in 2004, was divorced the following year. He has four grown children.

Ray is scheduled to sing at the Metropolitan Community Church in Washington this week.

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#### **A DOLLAR A HOLLA**

FORMER Newsboys bassist Phil Joel has released his fifth solo project, *The New Normal*.

Phil says the goal of the CD is to make it available to everyone who wants it.

He says people can download the full-length album for a minimum of a dollar.

Physical CDs are also available.

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#### **CARRY ON WAYWARD SON**

Former dc Talk vocalist Kevin Max will make his big screen debut next month starring in a new faith-based film called *The Imposter*.

Max plays Johnny C, the lead singer of a popular Christian band who's been haunted by an addiction to drugs and to self.

He says that it's a "prodigal son story" that every artist, rebel or wayward person can relate to.

The film also features singer Jeff Deyo and founding Kansas member Kerry Livgren, who also contributed songs to the movie soundtrack.

*The Imposter* will have limited release in the US and go straight to DVD in Australia.

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#### **NEW U2 CD DELAYED, MORE REMASTERED RELEASES**

U2 has pushed back the release of its as-yet-untitled 12th album to early 2009.

Meanwhile, the band continues to roll out re-mastered versions of some of its earliest CDs including *War*, *Boy* and *October*.

Each of the CDs has been reissued as a two disc set with rarities, b-sides and remixes.