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**HOWARD Stern**, the King of All Media, is also the King of Grudges. He isn't about to forgive "Stuttering **John Melendez**, who left the Stern show six years ago to be the announcer on **Jay Leno's** show. In an interview Monday on BlogTalkRadio.com, **Bob Andelman** asked Melendez if Leno would still employ him when he moves to the 10 p.m. slot with a new NBC show in September. "I don't know yet," Melendez said. "But I really do hope that I am. I really enjoy working with Jay." Then, yesterday, Stern responded on his Sirius Satellite show: "Well, I'm going to make an offer to John right now: If Jay doesn't hire him back, he can stay in LA . . . and we'll hire him to go to some of those premieres and ask questions again. He can do that. It's a dollar for every question." Last year, Melendez ripped Stern on **Adam Carolla's** radio show, saying Stern never paid him fairly and didn't fight to keep him. "He resented me doing any outside work," Melendez said. Stern called his ex-underling a "no-talent ingrate . . . He's delusional . . . He can go [bleep] himself. I've had it with him . . . All he did was stutter."