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Bush Has a Vow of His Own: To Fight Malaria



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Kuwaiti Ambassador Salem al-Sabah and wife Rima with President George W. Bush.

Gearing up for those wedding toasts? With just eight weeks until **Jenna** ties the knot, **President Bush** now seems to start every speech with a nuptials related quip: "I'm a little late because **Laura** had me watching 'Father of the Bride,'" he told guests at Wednesday's Kuwait-America Foundation black tie dinner.

The president and first lady topped the list of VIPs at the "Stand for Africa" anti malaria benefit: **Condi Rice, Sam Alito, Adrian Fenty, Karl Rove, Bo Derek** and Adm. **Mike Mullen**, chairman of the Joint

Chiefs of Staff. "There's nothing more tragic than a young baby dying of a mosquito bite," said the president, who in 2005 launched a \$1.2 billion initiative to fight the disease. As usual, Kuwaiti Ambassador **Salem al-Sabah** and wife **Rima** brought in the big guns: Oil execs who donated \$1.6 million, legendary Senegalese singer **Youssou N'Dour**. . . and the third annual installment of what we like to call "Administration Idol": OMB Director **Jim Nussle** strumming a country tune as his wife sang. (In '06, **Rice** played a piano duet with **Marvin Hamlisch**; last year, **Josh Bolten** played guitar behind **Randy Travis**.) "Mrs. Bush, let me apologize in advance," said **Karen Nussle**. Oh, it wasn't that bad!