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Pueblo-Buchers

CORONADO, Calif. AP - A Navy spokesman has denied what he said were rumors that the captain of the Pueblo and his wife are separating.

Capt. Vincent Thomas, public information officer for the Pacific Fleet, told a news briefing Thursday that Omdr. Lloyd M. Bucher and his wife, Rose, had asked that he issue the denial.

Thomas said the rumors had hurt the Buchers deeply and "there is no truth to this at all."

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