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Bob and Mollie Thorsen check out the display of their Burro Buddy wheelbarrow trays last fall at Rankins Hardware in Warenton.

UPDATE: The Thorsens learned Thursday night that ABC has moved their episode to Friday, May 1.

Local father-daughter entrepreneurs will dive into “**The Shark Tank**” tonight — Friday, April 17 — on ABC-TV.

Bob and Mollie Thorsen will make their pitch to venture capitalists at 8 p.m. on the popular reality show, broadcast on WJLA Channel 7.

No strangers to national TV, Mr. Thorsen and his daughter run **The Little Burros**, which manufactures and sells molded plastic trays that mount on wheelbarrows to hold garden tools, drinks, phones and other items.

Last fall, the Thorsens **showcased their products** at the White House and appeared on *Fox & Friends* the following Saturday morning.

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A veteran homebuilder, Mr. Thorsen crafted the Little Burro prototype of cardboard in 2013 after his wife Sudie lost her phone while raking and bagging leaves at their home west of Warrenton.

The crude prototype led to the startup company that Mollie Thorsen, a Highland School graduate and Alexandria resident, runs day-to-day.

Although they taped the show some time ago, details of the Thorsens’ pitch to the Sharks remain under wraps. Typically, entrepreneurs offer ownership interests in their companies for investments of capital and expertise from the panel of five veteran business leaders.



Photo/ABC-TV
The Sharks — Mark Cuban, Barbara Corcoran, Kevin O’Leary, Lori Greiner and Daymond John — on the set of their show that debuted in 2009.



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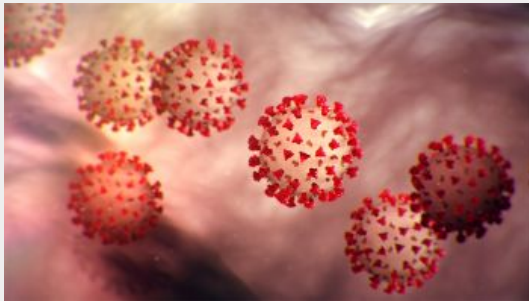
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