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City Councilman Mike Castano didn't have a good week at the polls, but his daughter fared better.

Cindy Castano runs Alpha Management Group, a Charlotte-based business development firm for wildlife-related media projects.

This week, she wrapped up a mega-deal with National Geographic for one of her clients. Cindy previously worked with conservationist and filmmaker Kim Wolhuter on two African leopard shows, which will air next month on National Geographic Explorer. The first, *Living with Leopards*, showcases Wolhuter's life as a wildlife filmmaker in the African bush. For *Stalking Leopards*, he documented an 18-month period with a male leopard named Tjololo.

Cindy also helped coordinate a cover story on leopards for National Geographic's October magazine, as well as a four-page spread in the children's edition, *World Magazine*.

"It's wonderful," she says. "They've actually been brilliant to work with."