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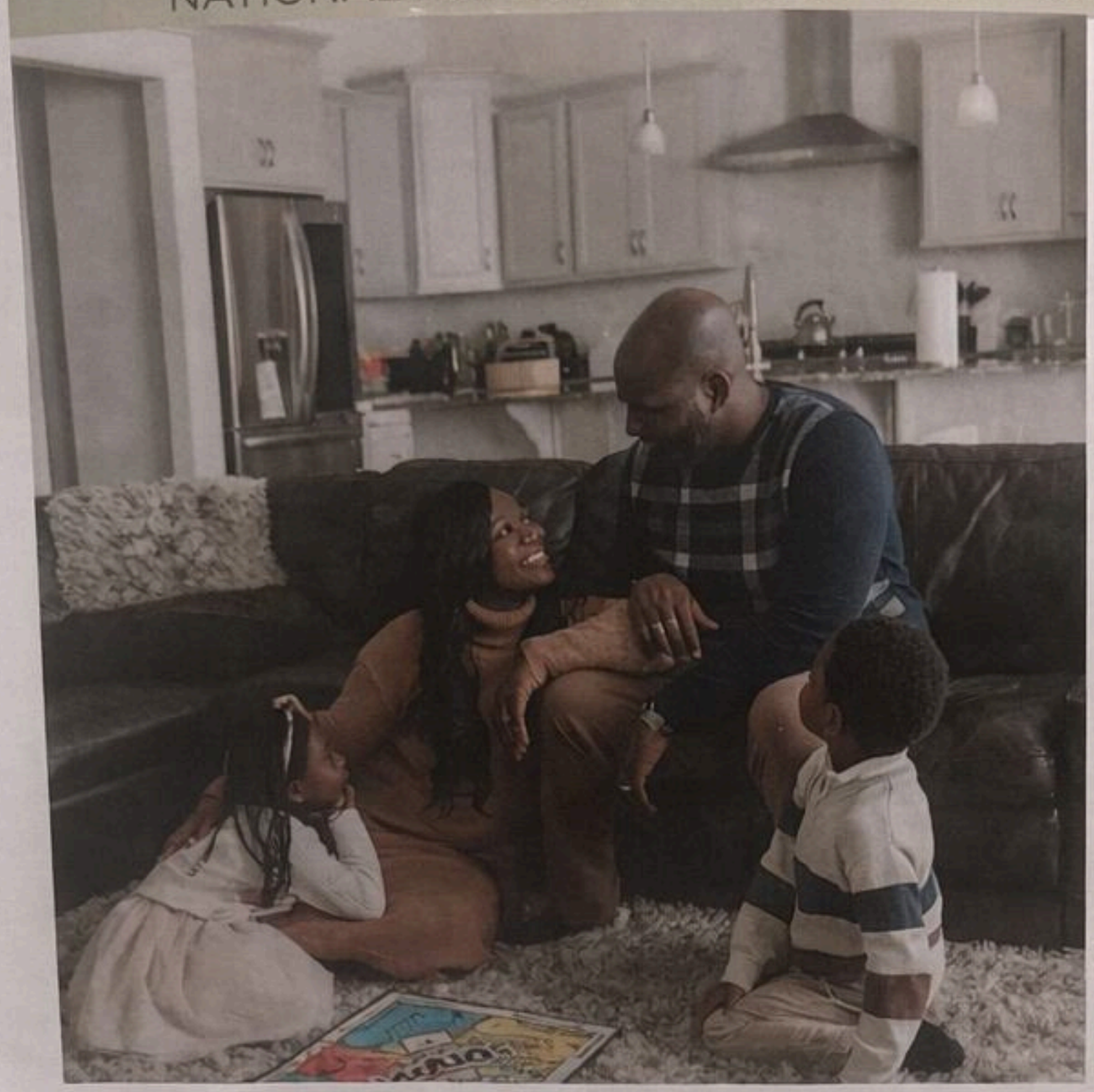
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The Simon-Rogers family includes Dr. Jessica Simon, Dr. Pernell Rogers a dentist, and ia dentist, and their two children, Jayla (6) and Jordan ôx! (4).

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Although her athletic career ended early, her love for the sport never faded. She now enjoys watching her daughter, Jayla, thrive in gymnastics. Jayla loves the sport and is flourishing in her classes. Her middle name, Simone, honors Simone Biles and Jessica's maiden name, Simon. Jordan currently participates in Mini Ninja Warrior, a perfect outlet for his energetic personality. The family plans to introduce him to soccer or basketball in the near future.

Family Life and Interests
Faith and community are central to the Simon-Rogers family's life. Dr. Jessica enjoys mentoring students, serving in her church's children's ministry, and supporting families through outreach initiatives. As a family, they enjoy exploring Charlotte's parks, traveling together, and spending evenings at home. Game night is a favorite tradition, filled with friendly competition and laughter.

Children's Activities and Talents
Jayla is known for her kind and compassionate heart and is often the first to help others. She has expressed a desire to become a pediatrician and enjoys gymnastics, dance, drawing, and sharing her faith with friends. She attends a unique language program where she is learning Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, and English, with Mandarin currently being her favorite.

Jordan is curious and creative, with a love for figuring out how things work. He enjoys taking objects apart, has a strong ear for music, and loves to sing. He looks up to his sister and is excited to begin learning Mandarin soon. Both children enjoy participating in community events and making new friends.

Life in the Steele Creek Community
The Simon-Rogers family has lived in Steele Creek since 2018, and it has felt like home from the beginning. They chose the area for its safety, diversity, strong schools, and close-knit community. Steele Creek offers a small-town feel within Charlotte, with welcoming neighbors and locally owned businesses.

Dr. Jessica especially values the sense of connection found in the community. Seeing familiar faces at parks, shops, and events has made Steele Creek more than just a neighborhood. It is where the Simon-Rogers family is creating lasting memories.

Community Involvement
As the owner of Pure Hearts Pediatric Dentistry, Dr. Jessica is deeply committed to community engagement. She and her team regularly visit local preschools and elementary schools to teach children about oral health in fun and age-appropriate ways. She has also served as a guest speaker at Palisades High School's Career Day, sharing her journey and encouraging students to dream big.

For Jessica, dentistry extends beyond clinical care. It is about investing in children, supporting families, and strengthening the community the Simon-Rogers family proudly calls home.

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