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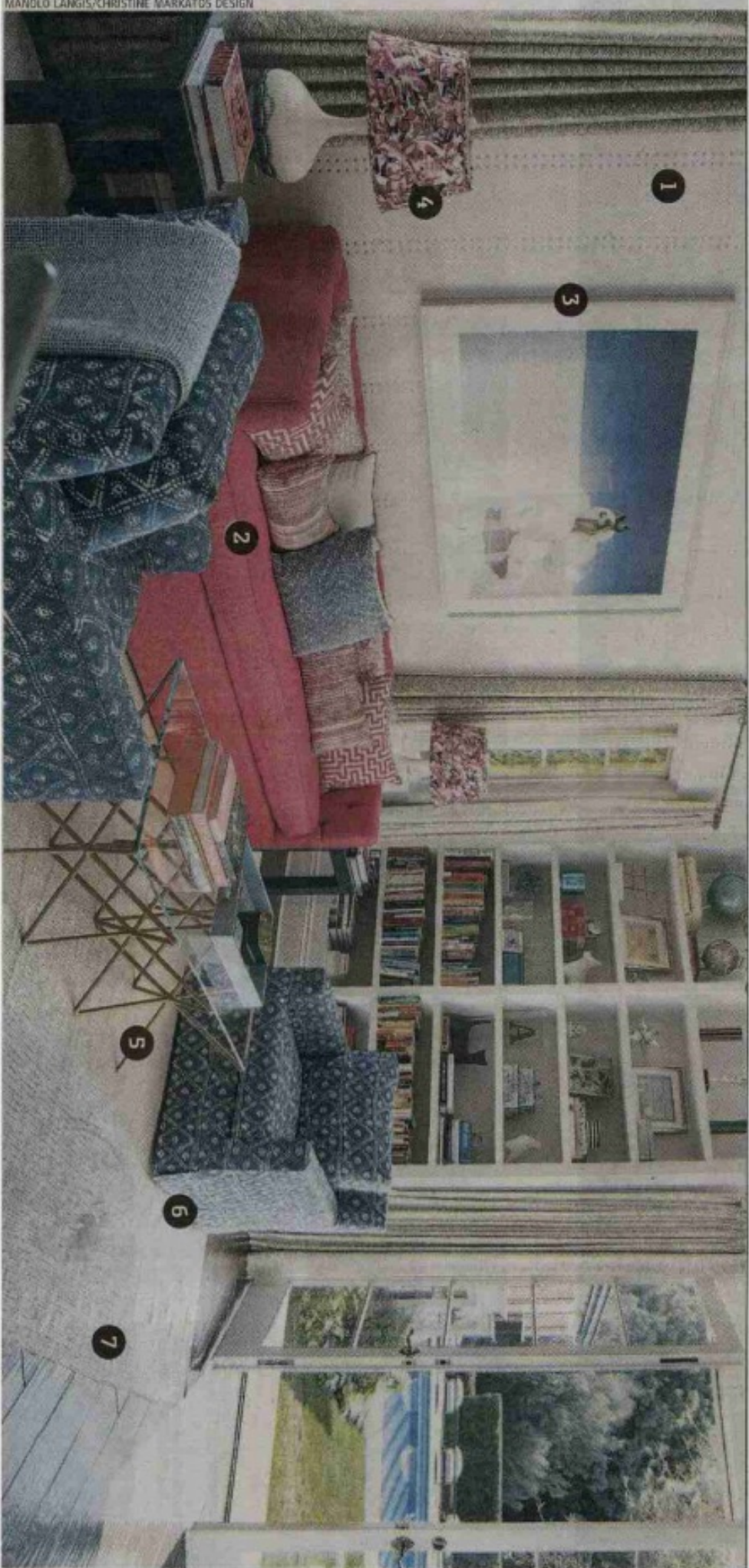
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MICHAEL B. JORDAN'S
BREAKOUT YEAR





A Teenager's Study With Pops of Pink

A designer creates a 'happy' space that's suited for homework and hanging out; a \$57,500 price tag

HER ASSIGNMENT: "Be happy." That was the guiding principle behind designer Christine Markatos's interiors at her clients' Italianate mansion in Los Angeles.

"The family had lived in the house for seven or eight years and it was time for a new look," said Ms. Markatos, whose eponymous firm is based in Santa Monica, Calif. The homeowners—he works in finance and she is a writer—have four children, ranging in age from 7 to 17. So the interiors called for bright colors, bold patterns and a fashion-forward playfulness. Redoing the interiors of the 12-bedroom, nine-bathroom home took about six months.

The eldest daughter's study had to do double duty: as a quiet space for homework and as a refuge for hanging out with friends. The design mixes the daughter's own accessories—her trophies and books—with ones Ms. Markatos chose, like globes and animal statuettes that an adult might embrace, too. Here are some of the elements in the teenager's study, which cost an estimated \$57,500 to execute.

—Lisa Selin-Davis

1. SPARKLING

The design started with a fabric wallpaper, Philip Jeffries' Studs & Stripes, Sterling on White Linen, which features raised inks that look like sparkling metal studs. A sealer was applied to extend its longevity.

Price: \$5,220

2. PINK AND PLUSH

Pink is important in a house with five women, Ms. Markatos said. She designed a custom sleeper sofa and piled it with pillows in fabrics by Katie Ridder, the Elizabeth Hamilton Collection, Christopher Farr Cloth and Perennials Fabrics.

Price: \$5,450

3. LLAMA LOVE

The photographer Gray Malin, known for his colorful and whimsical images of luxurious

destinations, is a favorite of the teenager's.

Ms. Markatos selected this cheerful print, "Llamas White Balloons."

Price: \$4,800

4. LIGHT TOUCH

The grooved, porcelain Regina lamps, by Arteriors, are glazed in a blue wash over a crackled ivory finish, and have custom shades in an Electra Eggleston that evoke the look of graffiti.

Price: \$590 each

5. FLEXIBILITY

The 54-by-26-inch coffee table, with a geometric base and tempered glass top, was custom made by Grey, an Atlanta-based company.

Price: \$3,200

6. DOTTED LINES

The custom swivel club chairs, by Christine Markatos Design, are covered in Carolina Irving linen in Zig Zag Cerulean. The dotted pattern is meant to complement the patterns in the lampshades and pillows.

Price: \$2,450 each

7. UNDER FOOT

The Dash & Albert Bonnie Gray 10x14 woven cotton rug is a soft gray and white with a quiet pattern that supports the bold patterns and colors throughout the room. The rug is