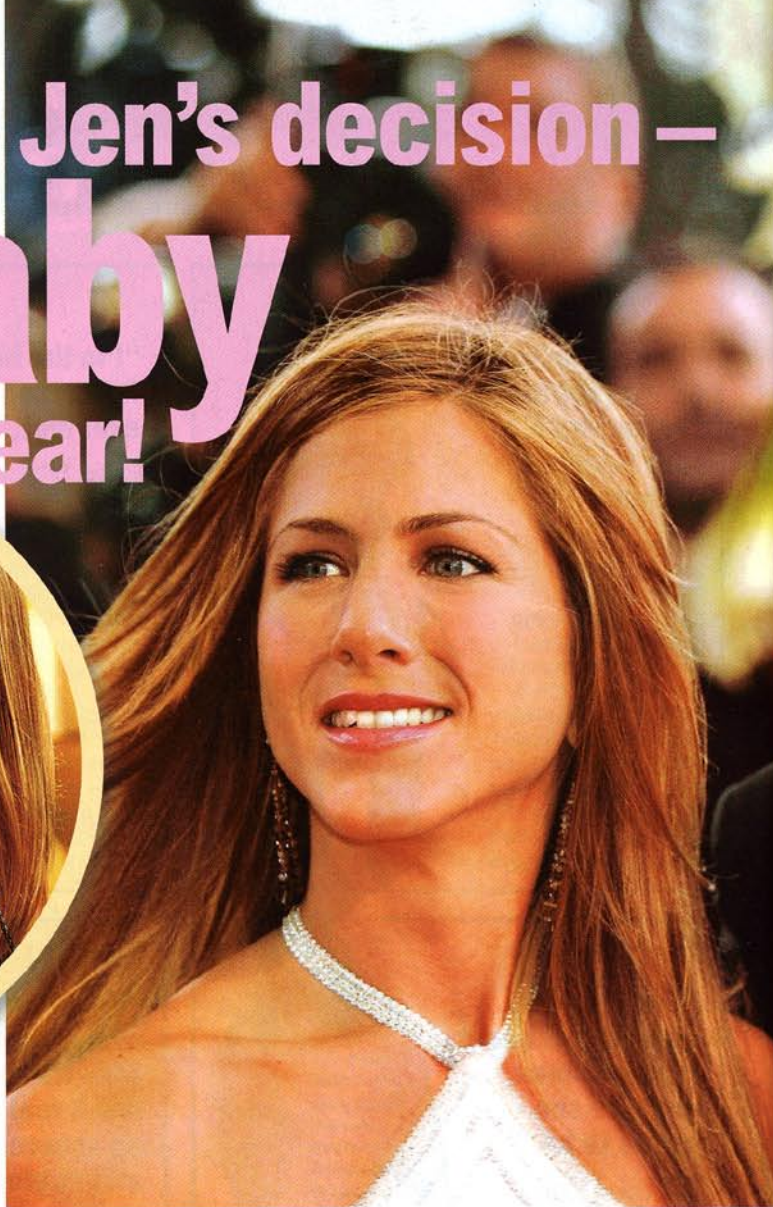


Brad and Jen's decision — a baby by next year!



Will life imitate
Friends for Jen?



If Jen isn't pregnant by this time next year, she and Brad may adopt

Brad Pitt and Jennifer Aniston proved how much they want to have a baby when they built a nursery in their Beverly Hills mansion. "We call it The Room," said Jen.

It looks like their baby space won't be vacant for long. According to sources, the Pitts - who celebrated their fourth anniversary on July 29—will start adoption proceedings if Jen isn't pregnant by their fifth anniversary. They're still optimistic about having

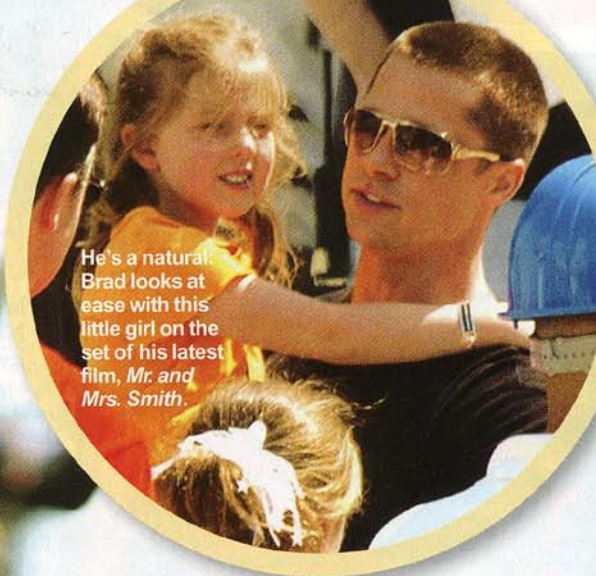
a biological child, but Brad, 40, and Jen, 35, have been trying to conceive for several months, and friends say they're eager to get the show on the road.

"Having a family is something they talk about a lot," a pal reveals. "Brad and Jennifer have a lot of love to give, so they'll be thrilled whether the child is conceived by them or adopted."

Having watched her best friend, Courteney Cox, suffer a series of miscarriages, Jen knows how tough it can be to conceive. And while

Courteney and her husband, David Arquette, welcomed daughter Coco into the world in June, Jen understands that not everyone is so lucky. That's why she has a backup plan to adopt if she fails to get pregnant "Jen knows she's going to be a mom either way," says a friend.

Interestingly, if Brad and Jen do adopt, they could be in for a big surprise: another baby. "Many patients who have failed with donor eggs or in vitro decide to adopt and then—boom!—they get pregnant on their own," says **Dr. Fady**



He's a natural: Brad looks at ease with this little girl on the set of his latest film, *Mr. and Mrs. Smith*.

Both Jen and Brad have said they're more than ready for a baby. "I think they'll make great parents," says a friend.

Sharara, the medical director of the Virginia Center for Reproductive Medicine in Reston, Va.

Why the boost? Sharara, who is not associated with the couple, explains: "Infertility is all-consuming and becomes a major fixation. Once couples adopt and have that first child in the house, they're not as stressed about conceiving, and that's when they get pregnant." So no matter what happens to this glamorous couple, let's just hope The Room is big enough for plenty of little Pins!

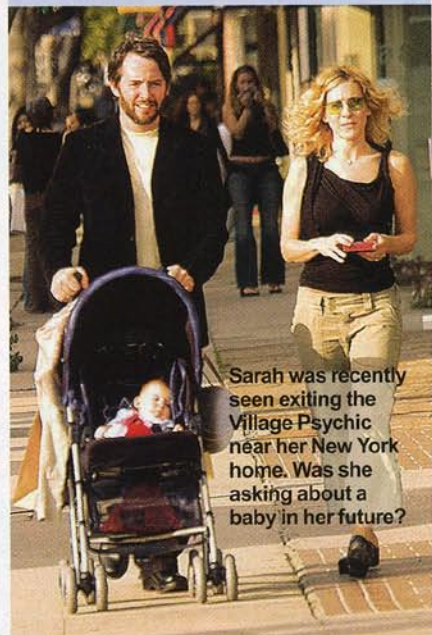
Are the rules for celebs different?

If Brad and Jen want to join the ranks of adoptive parents like Calista Flockhart, Sharon Stone and Nicole Kidman, they'll have to play by the same guidelines as everyone else. All prospective parents must show up for office interviews and host a home visit, says Cindy Lupcho of the Children's Hope International agency. There is a minimum income requirement for parents, Lupcho adds, "but making more — even much more — doesn't get you any special privileges."

Sarah Jessica Parker wants baby No. 2!

Jen and Brad aren't the only celebs with parenthood plans. According to sources, Sarah Jessica Parker and husband Matthew Broderick, who welcomed son James nearly two years ago, can't wait for another baby.

"They're trying for a second child," a friend of the couple reveals, adding that Sarah, 39, is hoping to get pregnant by May — around the time of their seventh wedding anniversary. "They feel blessed to have their little boy, but another child would make their life just perfect."



Sarah was recently seen exiting the Village Psychic near her New York home. Was she asking about a baby in her future?