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Pitt (in Madrid in 2016) and Aniston (in L.A. in 2016) "started talking once he wished her a happy birthday," says the source.

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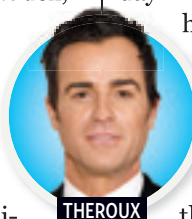
FRIENDS AGAIN!

Brad Pitt is reconnecting with his past. Amid the 53-year-old's bitter divorce from **Angelina Jolie**, he has "been texting" ex-wife **Jennifer Aniston**, a source close to the *Mother's Day* star tells *Us*. Pitt, who didn't have Aniston's cell number (they divorced in 2005), tracked it down through "a tangled web" of contacts so he could send well wishes for her 48th birthday February 11, explains the insider. From

there, Pitt — who is currently battling Jolie, 41, for joint custody of Maddox, 15, Pax, 13, Zahara, 12, Shiloh, 10, and 8-year-old twins Vivienne and Knox — "confided in Jen," reveals the source. "Brad told her he's having a hard time with his split and they exchanged a few texts reminiscing about the past."

A SURE THING Unlike Pitt, Aniston, who married **Justin Theroux** in 2015,

is happily settled. She spent her birthday in Cabo San Lucas, Mexico, with her love of six years — who had whisked her away on a private jet for a romantic six-night birthday and Valentine's Day escape. And for his part, the *Leftovers* star, 48, wasn't rattled by his wife's phone time with her ex. "Justin is OK with them being friends," notes the insider. Besides, he knows "Jen just wanted to be nice."



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