

# STONE IN BITTER BATTLE

BROKEN HOME:  
Right, Sharon and  
son Roan  
Bronstein, below,  
Sharon and Phil  
Bronstein in  
happier times



be interrupted just because Sharon prefers L.A.

"But Sharon fears losing him and is absolutely determined to keep Roan with her because she feels he's still so young and needs to live with his mother."

According to court documents, Bronstein claims that he has a nanny to take care of Roan only during the daytime hours he's at work, but Sharon employs a nanny 24/7 — thus making him a more suitable parent.

Sharon is contesting that argument and the court has ordered a private evaluator to decide which parent would be in Roan's best interest to live with.

The court also demanded that "each parent encourage Roan to look forward to the times spent with the other parent, to maintain the affection and respect of Roan toward each parent, and refrain from arguing in Roan's presence."

After Sharon's marriage to Bronstein, the 54-year-old executive vice president and editor of the San Francisco Chronicle, ended after five years, she moved back to Los Angeles from San Francisco and seemed determined to go it alone.

On a recent trip to Cannes to promote the forthcoming sequel to the 1992 box office smash *Basic Instinct*,

she spoke publicly for the first time about her recent adoption of newborn Laird Vonne Stone. She said: "I have found that a single woman can do it all. And I would encourage all single women to stand up and show that you can do these things on your own."

"I couldn't imagine that it could get better after having the experience of being a mother to Roan. But the only

thing better than one is two. Added the friend: "That thinking is typical of Sharon. She's convinced she can do it all, all herself. She would never think that a child needs to have a well as a mother. That kind of thing has to be driving Phil up the wall."

Sharon was in London for *Basic Instinct 2* when she rushed to the U.S. to meet Laird's parents and cuddle her new baby for the first time. "Sharon's not at all daunted by the idea of taking on a second child. She is in the middle of a custody battle for the first," said the friend.

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