Invitation sends wrong message

DEAR ABBY: I'm confused. My husband and I received the following invitation in the mail today:

"We Are Having an Anniversary Dinner for

'BYRON AND EDITH'

"(Sorry, you're not invited!) "Instead, we would like you to send an anniversary card postmarked by Sept. 3. The card will be given to Byron and Edith at the dinner to add to the surprise."

Abby, we weren't the only ones



dear abby

who got an "invitation" like this. Have you ever heard of anything like this? Is this something new? I think the people who got these invitations were even more surprised than Byron and Edith will be. — NOW I'VE SEEN EVERYTHING IN OHIO

DEAR SEEN EVERYTHING: No, this is not something new. Social blunders have been happening for years, and this is one of them.

How much more diplomatic it would have been had the request been phrased something like this:

"Dear Mr. and Mrs. 'Seen': In honor of Byron and Edith's anniversary, we 'kids' are planning an intimate family gathering. Because you have been treasured friends for so long, we wonder if you would contribute to a 'memory book' we are assembling for them as an added surprise. It need not be long or elaborate — just an experience you have shared with Byron and Edith that was significant. Please send it before Sept. 3. Thanks in advance. Daughter 'Julie'

young "chiquita." I'm a mature I'm financially able to help him, but ever, do not offer to bail him out. woman in my 50s. My live-in, "Eli," and I have been together for six years. We were happy, but over if I did, I wouldn't know what to the last few months my man has become irritable and lethargic.

I did some snooping and discovered that Eli is up to his neck in credit card debt. His job isn't paying well now, but he continues to live as if his income hasn't dried up. He can't seem to accept that he can no longer afford special gifts for himself, his adult children and me.

Should I tell Eli I know he's paying an ungodly amount of interest and can't pay off his credit cards, or DEAR ABBY: I'm not some let him continue to drown in debt?

I don't know how to offer, because Eli won't share his need for it. Even expect in return if I made the offer. Please tell me what to do. — CON-CERNED FOR ELI IN KANSAS

DEAR CONCERNED: Eli's irritability and lethargy could be depression related to his credit worries. Or it could be something else. Try to coax him to talk about what "might" be causing it, and suggest the two of you consult his doctor to be sure there's nothing physically wrong.

If you can't get him to open up, you may have to admit you know about his money problem. How-

Instead, urge him to solve his problem by making an appointment with

a credit counselor. You can help him to find a reputable credit counseling firm by checking with the Better Business Bureau for the debt management companies he's considering. Also, be sure to ask if the company is a member of the National Foundation for Credit Counseling or the Association of Independent Consumer Credit Counseling Agencies. Both of these groups impose "best practices" standards on their members. This will prevent your partner from being exploited.

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Saturday and Sunday Movies

SATURDAY

MORNING 10:45 25/38 IND Movie "City of Angels" (1998, Romance) Nicolas Cage, Meg Ryan, Andre Braugher. An angel becomes involved with an L.A. heart sur-

11:00 28/40 TNT Movie "Back to the Future Part II" (1989, Fantasy) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd, Lea Thompson. Marty's time traveling is threatened by a dangerous rival.

11:30 40/41 FX Movie "One Hour Photo" (2002, Drama) Robin Williams, Connie Nielsen, Michael Vartan. Alonely photo clerk is obsessed with a suburban family.

AFTERNOON

12:00 32/58 FAM Movie "Pretty in Pink" (1986, Drama) Molly Ringwald, Andrew McCarthy, Jon Cryer. A poor eclectic teen is romanced by a wealthy classmate.

35 FMC Movie "Five Fingers" (1952, Drama) James Mason, Michael Rennie. Joseph L. Mankiewicz's fact-based account of master spy Cicero, a British embassy valet who sold secrets to the Na-

60 HALL Movie "The Unforgiven" (1960, Western) Audrey Hepburn, Burt Lancaster, Lillian Gish. Pioneers feud with Kiowa Indians over a birthright.

1:15 28/40 TNT Movie "Sleepless in Seattle" (1993, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Meg Ryan, Bill Pullman. A grieving widower captures the heart of an en-

gaged woman. 2:00 32/58 FAM Movie "The Sure Thing" (1985, Comedy) John Cusack, Daphne Zuniga, Anthony Edwards. Bick-

ering college students go cross-country to California. 40/41 FX Movie "Fight Club" (1999, Drama) Brad Pitt, Edward Norton, Hel-

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by beating each other in a secret arena.

2:30 60 HALL Movie "McLintock!" (1963, Western) John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Stefanie Powers. A cattle baron meets his match in a strong-willed woman. Directed by Andrew V. McLaglen.

3:00 33/56 DISN Movie "A Bug's Life" (1998, Fantasy) Voices of Dave Foley, Julia Louis-Dreyfus. Animated. A misfit ant goes on a dangerous search for an insect army to protect his colony from grasshopper terrorists.

61/72 SPK Movie "Jackie Chan's Project A" (1983, Action) Jackie Chan, Sammo Hung, Hak Suen Lau. The coast guard battles pirates in 19th-century Hong Kong. Directed by Jackie Chan.

3:45 5 HBO Movie "Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World" (2003, Adventure) Russell Crowe, Billy Boyd. In 1805 a British captain and his crew endure hardships while trying to prevent a French ship from reaching the Pacific.

4:00 32/58 FAM Movie "Mystic Pizza" (1988, Comedy-Drama) Annabeth Gish, Julia Roberts, Lili Taylor. Three waitresses cope with the trials of modern ro-

SUNDAY **MORNING**

10:00 5 HBO Movie "Men in Black" (1997, Science Fiction) Tommy Lee Jones, Linda Fiorentino. A streetwise young cop joins a secret government organization that monitors extraterrestrial activity on Earth.

AFTERNOON 12:00 13/7 FOX Movie "The Terminator" (1984, Science Fiction) Arnold

Schwarzenegger, Linda Hamilton, Michael Biehn. A cyborg assassin from the future comes to present-day L.A.

35 FMC Movie "The Proud Ones"

Hunter. A Kansas marshal finds more than he bargained for when gunmen and gambling equipment arrive at the local saloon. Directed by Robert D. Webb. 'NR'

1:45 5 HBO Movie "Selena" (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Jon Seda. Based on the life and brief career of the young singer who was shot to death by the trusted leader of her fan club.

2:00 20/37 USA Movie "The First Wives Club" (1996, Comedy) Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler, Diane Keaton. Three women take revenge after their husbands dump them.

28/40 TNT Movie "The Shawshank Redemption" (1994, Drama) Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, Bob Gunton. A mildmannered banker is sent to prison for murder. Directed by Frank Darabont. 35 FMC Movie "House of Strangers" (1949, Drama) Edward G. Robinson,

Susan Hayward. A banker sets his four sons against one another and lets his youngest go to jail for him. 4:00 35 FMC Movie "What a Way to Go!" (1964, Comedy) Shirley MacLaine,

Gene Kelly. A widow tells a psychiatrist the story of her four husbands, each of whom died and left her with enormous 5:00 18/63 LIFE Movie "Return to Me"

(2000, Romance) David Duchovny, Minnie Driver, Carroll O'Connor. A man falls in love with the recipient of his wife's

28/40 TNT Movie "Forrest Gump" (1994, Comedy-Drama) Tom Hanks, Robin Wright, Gary Sinise. A slow-witted Southerner experiences 30 years of his-

5:30 5 HBO Movie "The Rundown" (2003, Adventure) The Rock, Rosario Dawson. A soon-toretire bounty hunter must locate his boss's son, who is searching for a priceless artifact in the ena Bonham Carter. Men vent their rage (1956, Western) Robert Ryan, Jeffrey