
Premise: *Communication*

 **To the Editor**

Your autumn cover of THEMA [Under the Shadow of the Shark] and comments about your grandparents hold much interest for me. My only published novel, *Family of Strangers*, was set in Galveston before and after what, in my Dallas, TX, childhood, was known as “The Galveston Storm of 1900.”

Thank you for THEMA and close to 27 years of literature, themes and fun.

— *Marian M. Poe*
Plano, TX


 **Authors' Notes**

“All According to the Plan” is not a story that I

had ever thought of prior to this assignment, so it would not have come into existence if not for this theme. Like all stories, once this one got started, it took on a life of its own and went where it wanted to go. I was merely along for the ride.

— *Linda Horton*



I learned to type on an old manual typewriter and actually owned one until eight years ago. I do remember how much effort it took to push those keys down.

— *Patricia Hefler*



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