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Kirsten Storms of "General Hospital" was born in Orlando, Florida.

SOAPnet is bringing its own Southern grace and hospitality with the premiere of "[Southern Belles: Louisville](#)," tomorrow at 10PM/9c. But before Emily, Hadley, Julie, Kellie, and Shea prove to us that the South will rise again (with style and panache!), let's take a look at the some amazing women who continue to pave the way for successful ladies everywhere -- whether your geography is Southern or not.

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Alicia Minshew - "All My Children" - Florida

Alicia probably jumped on the interstate from her hometown of Plantation to reach Pine Valley -- opting to bring her Kendall brand of complicated diva to more northern, Erica Kane parts.



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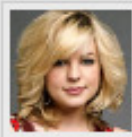


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Beyonce - Texas

Houston is famous for building NASA rockets and training astronauts, but it launched its biggest star into glittering orbit when it produced Beyonce.



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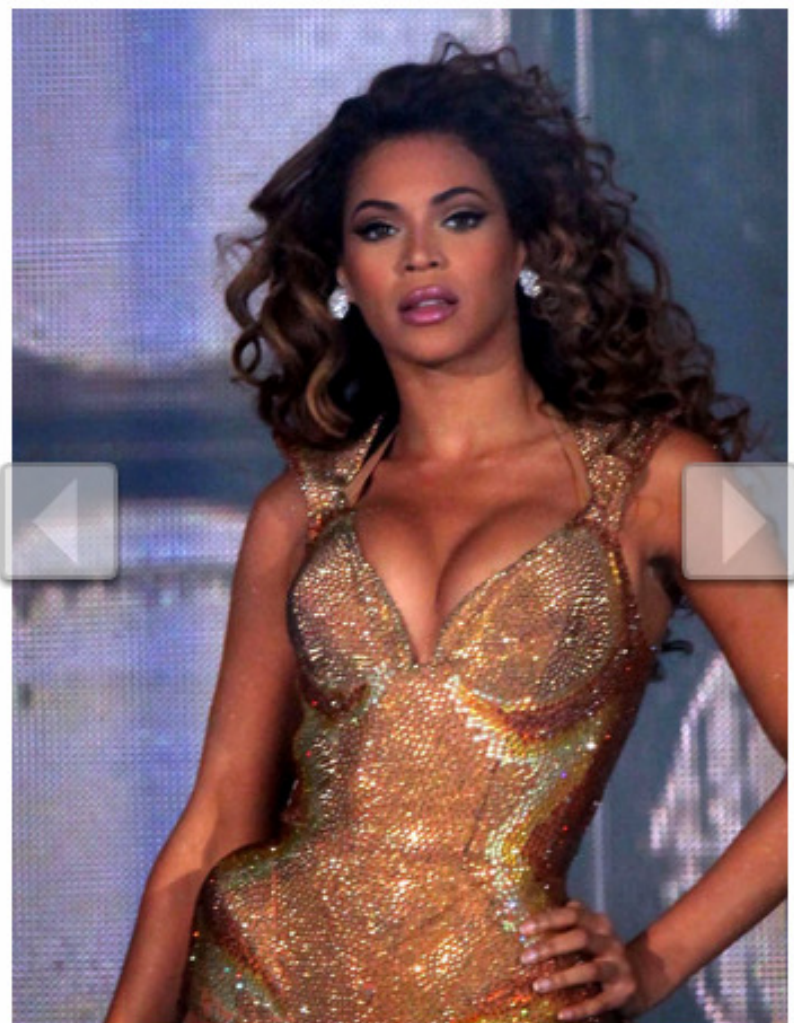
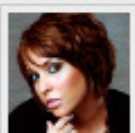
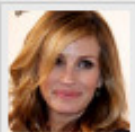


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Bobbie Eakes - "All My Children" - Georgia

She made her hometown of Warner Robins proud by becoming Miss Georgia in 1982 before getting blown up and then smashed by a chandelier on "The Bold and The Beautiful" -- later landing in Pine Valley.



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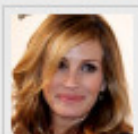
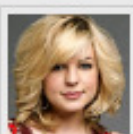
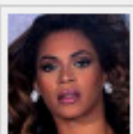


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Carrie Underwood - Oklahoma

In terms of record sales (10 million so far!), she's the most successful "American Idol" winner ever – a fact we're certain the fine folks from her hometown of Muskogee, OK, are proud to point out.



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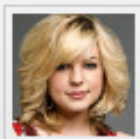


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Kirsten Storms - "General Hospital" - Florida

She's from the home of Disney World – Orlando – eventually moving to Port Charles to become the source of shucks and awe for Spinelli.



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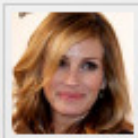
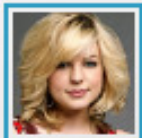


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Julia Roberts - Georgia

George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Richard Gere, Hugh Grant, Tom Hanks, Clive Owen, and Jude Law are among some of her co-stars. Not bad for a little girl from Atlanta.



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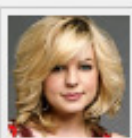
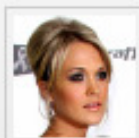


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Melissa Archer - "One Life to Live" - Texas

She left Dallas for Llanview, where she became Natalie Buchanan (the fraternal twin that mother Viki didn't know existed 'til 2001) – who just figured out the whole baby switch thing.



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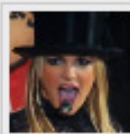
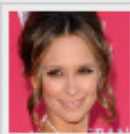
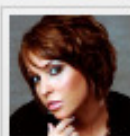
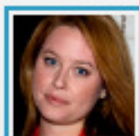


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Sandra Bullock - Virginia

Queen of the rom-com (i.e. "The Proposal," coming soon) and married to a super mechanic with the outlaw-sounding name (Jesse James), Sandra hails from Arlington County.



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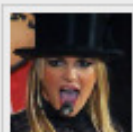
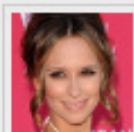
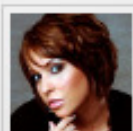


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Farah Fath - "One Life to Live" - Kentucky

She hails from Lexington and started in showbiz young, being voted Miss Kentucky Preteen in 1995. She first landed at "Days of our Lives" before finally settling in "One Life to Live"'s Llanview.



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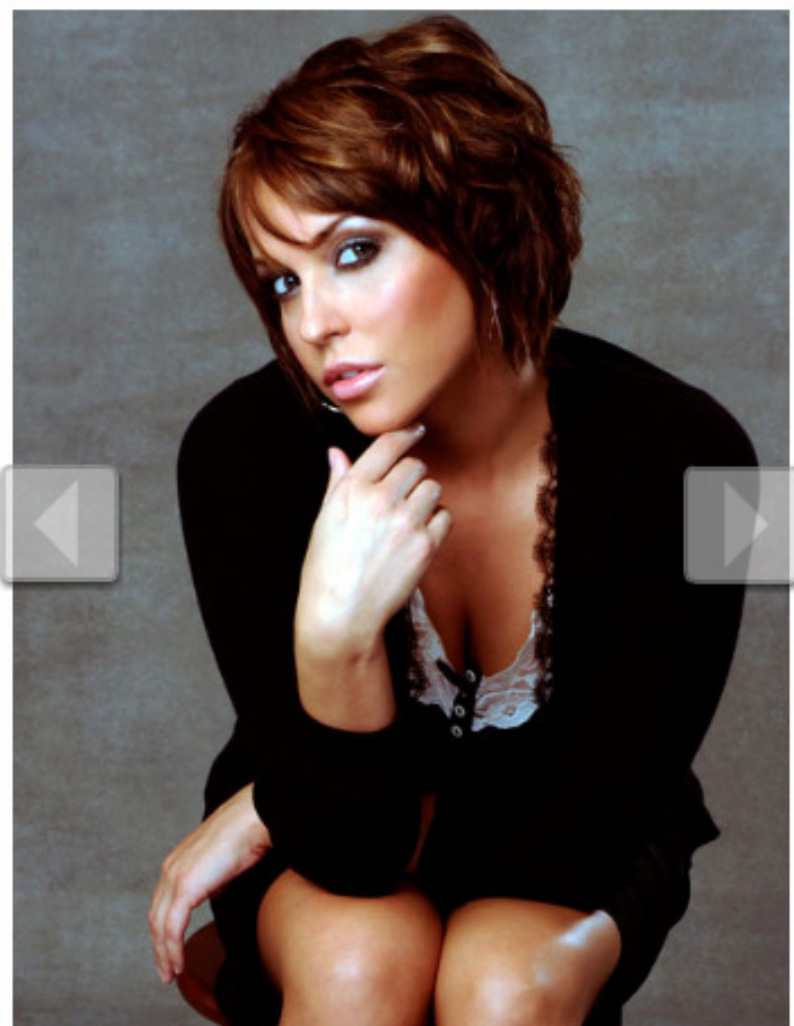
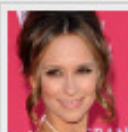


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Eva Longoria - Texas

Wisteria Lane is a long way from Corpus Christi, but Eva has reached genuine vixen-dom on "Desperate Housewives" and certainly has embraced the feisty, independent spirit of the Lone Star State.



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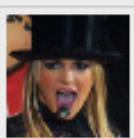
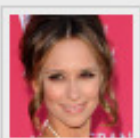
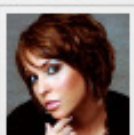


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Judith Chapman - "The Young and the Restless" - South Carolina

She left her hometown of Greenville and hit big in the world of soaps, starring in no less than six before finally settling down in Genoa City as Gloria Fisher.



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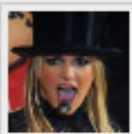
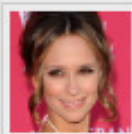
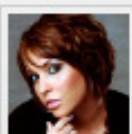


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Faith Hill - Mississippi

She's a country music superstar and one-half of a way-too-good-looking super-couple (the other half: husband Tim McGraw) – so it's fitting she was raised in a town called Star.

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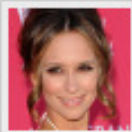


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Reese Witherspoon - Louisiana

Her singing and acting skills were validation enough to get an Oscar for "Walk the Line", but being from the South (via New Orleans) didn't hurt when playing country legend June Carter Cash.

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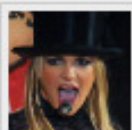
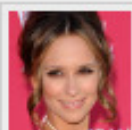


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Jennifer Love Hewitt - Texas

Is speaking to the dead something that happens in Texas? (A chat with Davy Crockett at the Alamo, perhaps?) Maybe "Ghost Whisperer" Jennifer picked up some supernatural vibes while growing up in Waco.



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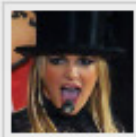
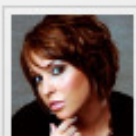


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Britney Spears - Louisiana

She seems to be back on track -- and a brief return to her hometown of Kentwood may have helped to keep some of those demons (paparazzi, jerky men, bad haircuts, lack of underwear drawer) at bay.



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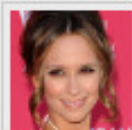


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