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Retail Wrap: American Eagle Outfitters has signed a 8,196-square-foot lease with MetroNational for new Aerie store

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Aerie has opened a store next to sister chain American Eagle Outfitters in Memorial City Mall, which is owned by Houston-based MetroNational.

Gymboree will close three stores in the Houston market as part of a restructuring. The local stores, among a dozen slated to close in Texas, are at **River Oaks Shopping Center on West Gray**, Village Arcade on University Boulevard and **Pearland Town Center**. The closings are among 350 planned by Gymboree Corp., most under the Gymboree and Crazy 8 flags.

American Eagle Outfitters has signed a 8,196-square-foot lease with MetroNational for a new **Aerie** store at Memorial City Mall. Danna Diamond, MetroNational's vice president of retail leasing, represented the landlord. The store sells pajamas, lingerie and swimwear for girls and young women.