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**CHAIN REACTION** In the grand tradition of Hollywood—where sequels are greenlighted every other day—restaurateurs are jumping on the spin-off bandwagon. **Cube 63**, a Lower East Side Japanese restaurant, just opened another branch in Brooklyn (234 Court St at Baltic St, Cobble Hill; 718-243-2208). **Rosa Mexicano**, known for its upscale eats uptown, unveiled its first location below 34th Street (9 E 18th St between Broadway and Fifth Ave, 212-533-3350) last month. **Alice's Tea Cup**, a whimsical tea-obsessed restaurant with locations on the Upper West Side, has opened an Upper East Side branch, called **Chapter II** (156 E 64th St between Lexington and Third Aves, 212-486-9200)—and the

owners hope to open yet another one next year. **Tuk Tuk**, in Cobble Hill, which impressed everyone with its Thai food, just opened a new spot that mixes Thai and Vietnamese ingredients (with some French touches) in Long Island City (49-06 Vernon Blvd between 49th and 50th Aves, Queens; 718-472-5598). **Hampton Chutney Co. Cafe**, an outgrowth of an Amagansett-based *dosa* shop, sprouted up in Soho in 2001 and is now planning to give birth to a sibling eatery on the Upper West Side (464 Amsterdam Ave at 82nd St, no phone yet) in December. And finally, the notorious **SoupMan**—Al Yeganeh, the guy who inspired the legendary *Seinfeld* "Soup Nazi" episode—has returned to the city after a



year's absence and opened the first of many SoupMans in midtown (501 Fifth Ave at 42nd St, 212-599-5900). Ten other locations will be unveiled in Manhattan in the next year if all goes as planned; in addition, the company expects to launch 1,000 Original SoupMan restaurants and kiosks worldwide by 2012. Trivia fans, take note: Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is an investor.