

THURSDAY IN NEW YORK

**DAVE ATTELL**

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WORTH STAYING UP FOR

■ Everyone's favorite night owl Dave Attell, the host of Comedy Central's "Insomniac With Dave Attell," stops by Carolines to give guests a taste of his one-liners. 8 & 10 p.m.; \$35, with a two-drink minimum. 1626 Broadway, between 49th & 50th Sts. (212) 757-4100.

NOW YOU SEE HIM ...

■ Criss Angel — magician, musician, yoga master, stunt performer and the host and creator of A&E's "Criss Angel Mindfreak" — autographs his latest DVD at Borders Penn Plaza. 6 p.m.; free admission. 2 Penn Plaza, at Seventh Ave. (212) 244-1814.

CHECK THIS OUT, MATE

■ The Cross-Generation Chess Program, a monthly tournament that brings together senior citizens and children, enabling them to communicate and play chess while listening to classical music, hosts its next event at the Council Senior Center. Complimentary lunch is served, and 12-year-old flutist Christopher Ponterotto performs. 2-5 p.m.; free admission. 241 W. 72nd St., between West End Ave. and Broadway. (917) 822-3141.

CELEBRATING KWANZAA

■ The Blu Nile Band performs songs and stories at the Brooklyn Children's Museum in celebration of Kwanzaa, the week-long festival and holiday honoring African-American heritage, family, community and culture. For all ages. 1:30 & 3 p.m.; \$5. 145 Brooklyn Ave., at Atlantic Ave., Brooklyn. (718) 735-4400.

IN THE HOLIDAY MOOD

■ The Empire State Building continues spreading the Yuletide spirit with red and green lights. Dusk to midnight. 34th St. and Fifth Ave.

Christopher Cullen