# The Backdoor

# Horrorscopes What is in Blou

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## Aries (March 21 - April 19)

Avoid unhealthy relationships with ghouls and goblins. Stay close, but never get too attached. Orange is your new best friend.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20)

You must go out of your way to avoid black cats. Luck flows slowly to those who stay up late. Get lots of sleep.



## Gemini (May 21 - June 20)

Keep your head, attached or not, on what you are doing. Focus on where you are going. Follow these simple steps to avoid the dark side. Avoid the color black.

## Cancer (June 21 - July 22)

The environment is your friend. Try carpooling to work. Take the bus. Ride your broom. The leaves are turning in your favor. Respect the leaves and the harvest will respect you.



## Leo (July 23 - August 22)

Readily engage random strangers for special treats. Candy is sweet. However, beware nasty tricks from those close to you.

## Virgo (August 23 - September 22)

At all costs, avoid the cemetery. Stay away from hollowed trees. Avoid plugged lawns. Holy ground could prove unstable. Black is your color. Don't swim alone, take an adult.



Libra (September 23 - October 22) You may be encountering troubled affairs. Keep a steady pace. Keep a good posture. Stay clean shaven. At all ends, try a new incantation.

Scorpio (October 23 - November 21)

Yellow is your strong color. Stay bright and cheerful. Avoid run down hotels run by anyone with the last name Bates. If you happen to run into Norman, don't enquire about his mother.



Sagittarius (November 22 - December 21) Enjoy this time of year. Go to that weekend party. Have fun with business casual fridays. Avoid stale bagels. Cornucopias make nice table decorations.

## Capricorn (December 22 - January 19)

Be careful on October 31. If you meet Jamie Lee Curtis, just watch yourself. If you happen to see Donald Pleasence

## **Carmen's closet? Bv** Natalie Lewis

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Many Corvallis High School students are in awe of Blou Carman's fashion. Whether she's wearing a handbeaded jacket, red and black fishnet stockings, or a retro hat, Carman reigns supreme as a style goddess of CHS. Here's her take on the coolest styles, best places to shop, and how to reinvent yourself through fashion.

High-O-Scope (HOS): How would you describe you style and how long have you dressed this way?

Blou Carman (BC): Eclectic. I started wearing things that were off the rack or off the shelf when I was a freshman in high school. One of my mother's friends gave me a skirt that she wore in the 1940s. It was wool ... a pencil skirt. Nobody had pencil skirts. I absolutely loved it. It was my first exposure to vintage... I've been wearing unusual things ever since.

HOS: Did you follow a lot of trends growing up?

BC: I often wear things that are trendy. I often like things that come out that are considered cool, but I'll wait until something isn't cool anymore before I wear them because I don't become interested in wearing them until then. I don't have a problem with trends, I think they're fun.... The thing is, if it's trendy, I get tired of it. Vintage I never get tired of! A lot of what I have is classic; It's hard to get rid of.

HOS: How many items do you have in your closet?

BC: I have clothes in a variety of places... we have numerous bedrooms and I have the closets!

HOS: What's your favorite color to wear?

BC: It changes all the time, but I always love black... purple... burgundy. HOS: Where do you enjoy shopping the

most? BC: I love the Hawthorn area in Portland. I love Buffalo Exchange. I go there



Blou Carmen's closet...or one of them

Portland: a 1900-1910 black silk jacket that is covered in embroidery of animals and such and it was really cheap, like \$30. I looked it up on the internet, and they go for like \$800. I also have one of George's great grandmother's white dresses. I love the Victorian era.

HOS: Do you ever take "off days" from fashion?

BC: (Laughs) That's a really good question! In the summer, I kind of have a uniform - like one pair of shorts or one tank top that I wear a lot ... I do get bored if I don't dress up. It does a lot for me. I think fashion as a form of art, and I think of the body as a canvas. I like putting combinations together, playing around.

HOS: Who are your style icons? BC: I don't really have anybody. I didn't read Vogue until a couple years ago. I really like a few designers: Carmen Marc Valvo. I've seen him on "fashion trends"... on one of the satellite channels. They just take people's runway part of fashion shows and string them all together... no commentary... I never see his name [anywhere] it never shows up in magazines... [His designs] are feminine, and floaty... they have a lot of hand work. I also like Betsy Johnson a lot. I used to sew her patterns. She's been so powerful since the 1970s, and she still has energy. She's beaudacious. I've been really lucky to find a few

dresses of her's secondhand. HOS: Do your friends dress like you? BC: No, everybody has their own style... or disinterest in it! (Laughs) HOS: What would you spend \$100 on: Shoes, clothes, accessories, or jewelry? BC: Depends on what's on sale ... or what I find at Goodwill!

HOS: Do you like the way some CHS students dress?

BC: Oh yeah, absolutely. People take fashion risks...

HOS: What do you think of being known for being one of the stylish people at CHS?

BC: Really? That's a surprise to me. I suggest when you go to college, just step out. Here you may have a certain niche, but when you go somewhere else, just go for it. A huge part of my motivation to take the time [to dress this way] is to be interesting... something that people will not be bored looking at... I'm in front of classes for a long time, and if people have to look at me, I might as well be interesting. I'm surprised people think that - I think it's wonderful... very validating.

HOS: Anything else?

BC: I like to encourage people to take risks. I like to encourage myself to take risks, especially in fashion. Fashion is a good place to start: It doesn't hurt anybody... as long as you aren't sleazy. [Fashion] can be really fun.



## at night, run. Run far and away from him.



## Aquarius (January 20 - February 18)

Pumpkins are in season. Cooking this time of year is most acceptable. Pumpkin pie is a nice dessert. However, try not to swallow any pumpkin seeds. Patches of large melons in your stomach is most unsettling.

## Pisces (February 19 - March 20)

Black is definitely not your color. Monsters run rampant. Carry extra crosses. Silver helps. Extra garlic is good. Most importantly, carry lots of mace, because

### every week... I like Hawthorn, Buffalo, Red Light, and right down the street is the big Goodwill...

HOS: What is your most personal item? BC: I found [it] in an antique store in



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## The Backdoor Crossword

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21 Involving the heart's artery

23 Crossbow ammo

26 Elm, oak, or ginko

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30 Carpet

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