



Coral Chimneys on Point Finger Road.

new cedar panelling for St. Mary's Church, work the *Royal Gazette* said did him "great credit." Like most new professionals, Onions was determined to strike out on his own. In 1936, he and his old buddy from McGill, Val Bouchard (whom he had brought to Bermuda on holiday in 1932), formed the firm of Onions and Bouchard. A great creative partnership was thus formed, one that over the years would leave an indelible mark on the landscape of Bermuda. In 1948, for instance, Onions contributed to Bermuda's post-war housing effort by contributing to a book on cottage designs published by the Historical Monuments Trust dedicated to preserving "the arts and crafts of the Colonists as they have developed during the Island's history." In the same spirit, Onions renovated his family home, Aberfeldy, aligning it with the spirit of old Bermuda design.

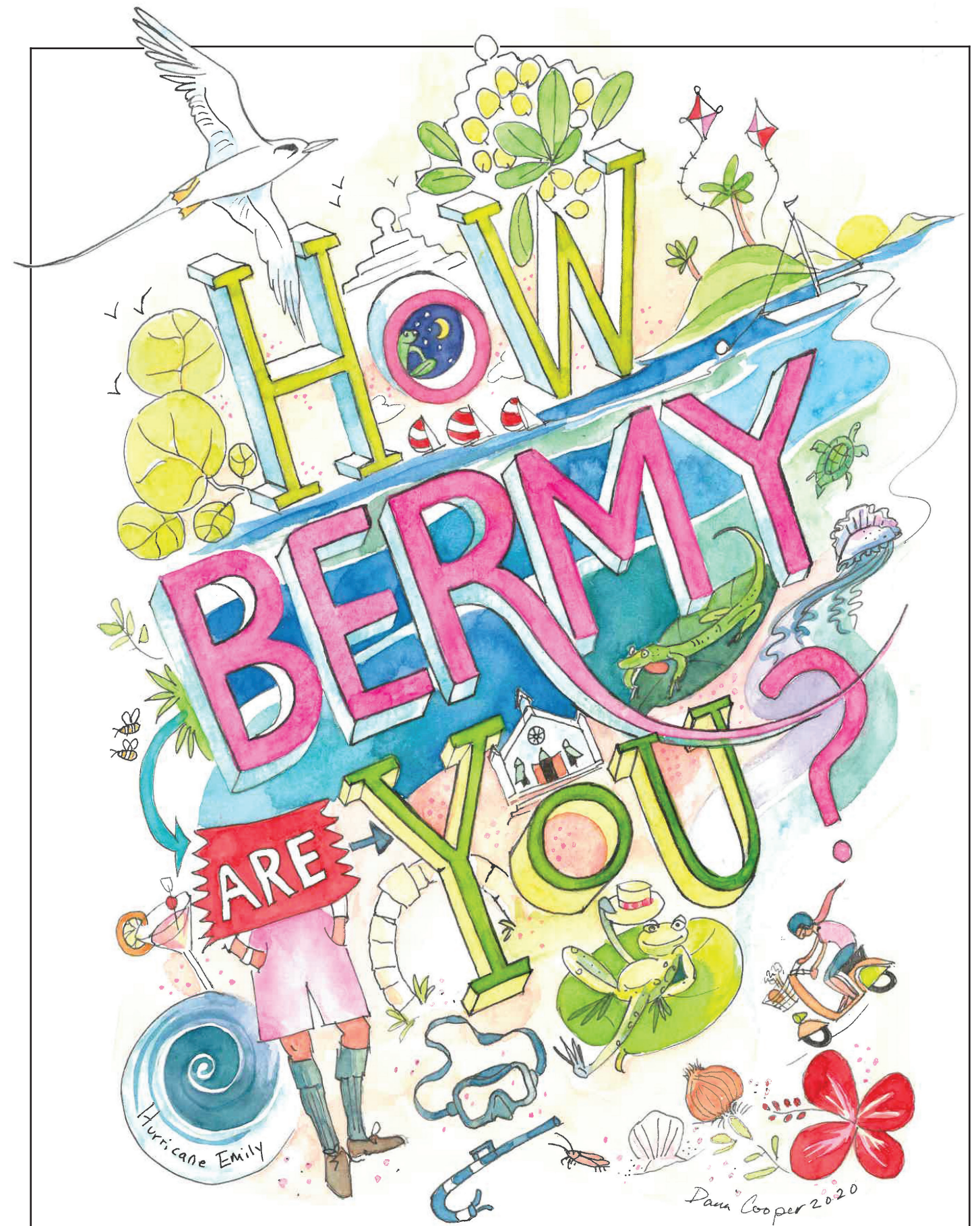
To this day, Onions's name echoes through the built heritage of Bermuda. Real estate advertisements foreground the phrase "classic

Wil Onions's design." The magisterial volumes of the National Trust's series chronicling Bermuda's architectural heritage are punctuated with praise for Onions: his 1951 But 'n' Ben cottage in Tucker's Town is "a fine example of his genius for marrying modern living requirements with the spirit, proportion and beauty of 18th century Bermudian architecture." And Onions and Bouchard has evolved into OBMI, a globe-straddling architectural firm famed for its prowess in designing structures rooted in their immediate environment. (See www.obmi.com.)

Wil Onions is an underappreciated national hero. His architectural legacy is widely venerated, but his inner impulses and humanity have yet to be fully explored. Onions's life was not just a simple crescendo of brilliant organic design. Turmoil often seemed to lurk just below the surface. In an archly conservative society such as mid-twentieth-century Bermuda, Onions is rumoured to have carefully masked a gay sexuality. His attempt to scale-up

vernacular design into a massive Hamilton city hall à la Stockholm in the late 1950s wracked his abilities. At the same time, he battled with a recalcitrant client, the American crime writer C. Daly King, over the design of his Somerset home, Per Ketit. Daly insisted on alien materials and non-Bermudian features which Onions regarded as a betrayal of his life's dedication to a local aesthetic. We have no certainty about the inner turmoil these tensions may have fermented. Sadly, we do know that in July 1959 one of Bermuda's most creative minds took his own life. It is time we came to understand not just the making of Wil Onions as an architect, but also the joys and torments of a genius caught in the currents of life.

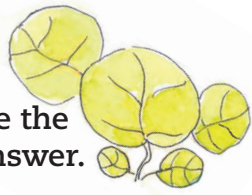
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Whether your people date back a few hundred years or you've just landed on the rock, the puzzles and quizzes that follow, will let you know how Bermudian you really are.

Flora Finder

If you have lived here for even the shortest length of time, you will recognize the Bermuda flora below. But can you name them? One point for each correct answer.



This plant's root was used as an old-time St David's remedy for 'blood poison'. Directions were to "Cut the root of in two; heat and apply to affected parts for several hours".

1



The fibrous leaves of Bermuda's only endemic palm were used by early Bermudians to brew "bibey", an alcoholic drink. They also were used for thatch, hats, dish mats, fans and dolls. It is protected by the Protected Species Act 2003.

2



This native tree is rarely seen on the North Shore. It can grow up to 40-50 feet high and bears edible fruit which is sometimes used for making preserves.

3



Known as the Temple Tree of India, this small tree is known for its fragrant flowers. It was launched as a fragrance for women from Bermuda Perfumery in 1940.

4



This succulent found in marsh and pond edges and roadsides is an invasive. It is mildly toxic causing tongue numbness and indigestion if eaten.

5



This large tree gets its name from the traditional use of its timber to make sounding boards for musical instruments. It produces small white flowers, and orange berries and although it can be an invasive, it is an important nectar source for bees.

6



This endemic shrub grows in sandy soil in coastal areas and is easy to spot along the South Shore when it is flowering. In 2016, it was added to the Red List of Threatened Species.

7



This plant is Bermuda's only native cactus. It was historically used for defensive planting around fortifications. The edible fruit is said to be good for you because the pectin, contained in the pulp, lowers levels of "bad" cholesterol.

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ANSWERS: 1. Spider lily, 2. Bermuda palmetto, 3. Bay grape, 4. Frangipani, 5. Mother in law's tongue, 6. Fiddlewood, 7. Darrell's fleabane, 8. Prickly pear

Washename? How's your local lingo? Unscramble these words to reveal the Bemy vurd.

- 1. zeegre _____
- 2. nichags _____
- 3. sonsies _____
- 4. bacyoe _____
- 5. inoon _____
- 6. pownin _____
- 7. kabc _____
- 8. batyso _____
- 9. biblerg _____
- 10. zipeen _____

ANSWERS: 1. greeze, 2. chingas, 3. session, 4. aceboy, 5. onion, 6. woprin, 7. black, 8. boasty, 9. gribble, 10. peezin

Check it Off

So you call yourself a Bermudian? You can't claim the status if you haven't done the time. How many of these Bermuda bucket-list items have you done? One point for each check.

- Mix your own batch of rum swizzle
- Dig into a mussel pie at Cup Match
- Watch a sunrise on a South Shore beach
- Paper your own Bermuda kite for Good Friday
- Go line fishing off the rocks with bread as bait
- Make and bake a cassava pie for Christmas
- Play Crown & Anchor at a county cricket game
- Win big at the Ag Show
- Go around the island by boat
- Discover The African Diaspora Heritage Trail
- Pick loquats and eat them right off the tree
- Dance with the Gombeyes on Boxing Day
- Dive or snorkel a historic shipwreck
- Jump off the rocks at Admiralty House
- Eat a codfish cake in a hot cross bun
- Party at a raft-up on the lakes
- Travel from one end of the island to the other without stopping
- Tee off at one of the island's many golf courses
- Visit North Rock
- Discover all of Bermuda's National Parks and nature reserves

SPORTS ANSWERS: 1. A & D, 2. C, 3. D, 4. D, 5. C, 6. D, 7. D, 8. D, 9. B, 10. B

Sports Fan! Do you know you're Bermudian sports beyond cricket and football? One point for each correct answer.

1. Which two of the following Bermudian boxers were world champions?
 - a) Nikki Bascome
 - b) Troy Darrell
 - c) Clarence Hill
 - d) Teresa Perozzi
2. Who is the only person to win a Pan Am Games gold medal for Bermuda?
 - a) Flora Duffy
 - b) Nicky Saunders
 - c) MJ Tumbridge
 - d) Brian Wellman
3. Who has scored the most runs in Cup Match?
 - a) Alma "Champ" Hunt
 - b) Charlie Marshall
 - c) Wendell Smith
 - d) Janeiro Tucker
4. How many triathlon (ITU, Cross, and Xterra) world championships has Flora Duffy won?
 - a) Six
 - b) Seven
 - c) Eight
 - d) Nine
5. Who scored Bermuda's first-ever goal at the Concacaf Gold Cup?
 - a) Reggie Lambe
 - b) Zeiko Lewis
 - c) Dante Leverock
 - d) Nahki Wells
6. Which Bermudian was once traded for three first-round draft picks and was replaced in the New York Cosmos lineup by Pele?
 - a) Clyde Best
 - b) Garry Darrell
 - c) Carlton "Pepe" Dill
 - d) Randy Horton
7. Who has won the most Bermuda Half Marathon Derby titles?
 - a) Debbie Butterfield
 - b) Stanley Burgess
 - c) Sandra Mewett
 - d) Kevin Smith
8. Who was the first Bermudian to play at the highest level of English football?
 - a) Clyde Best
 - b) Shaun Goater
 - c) Kyle Lightbourne
 - d) Arnold Woollard
9. Which Bermudian has won the island's only medal at the Olympics?
 - a) Peter Bromby
 - b) Clarence Hill
 - c) Debbie Hunter-Jones
 - d) Brian Wellman
10. Who is the only Bermudian to compete at Wimbledon?
 - a) Steve Alger
 - b) Heather Brewer-Segal
 - c) David Lambert
 - d) W.E.R. Joell



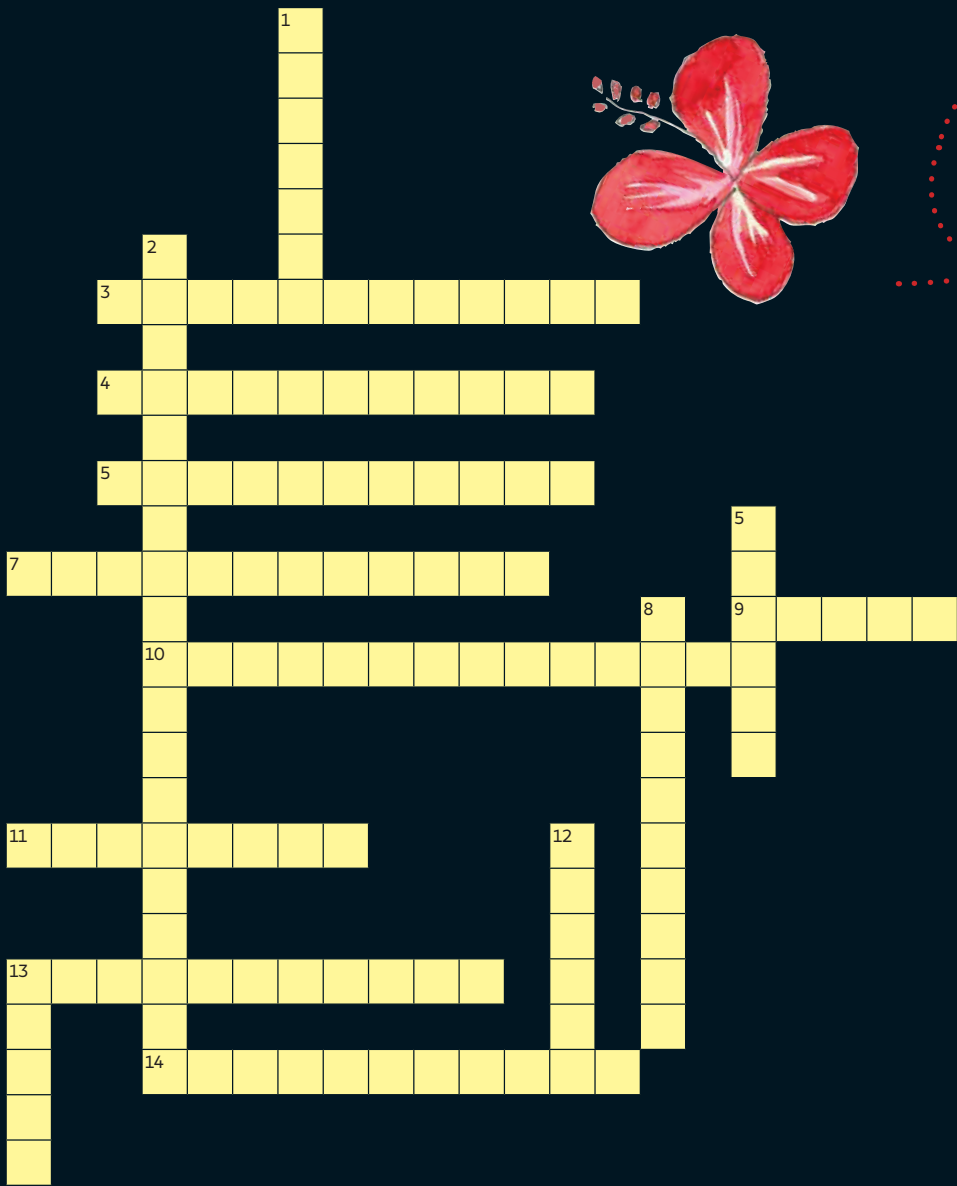
Who's That?

There have been hundreds of influential and ground-breaking political leaders in Bermuda's history. Here are 21 of our most notable. How many can you name?

One point for each correct answer.



ANSWERS: 1. Alex Scott, 2. Arnold Francis, 3. CV Jim Woolridge, 4. Dame Lois Browne-Evans, 5. David Allen, 6. David Gibbons, 7. Edna Watson, 8. Sir Edward Richards, 9. Ernest Decouto, 10. Eugene Cox, 11. Sir George Ratteray, 12. Gloria McPhee, 13. Sir Henry Tucker, 14. Hugh Rio Tucker, 15. Sir John Cox, 16. Dame Marjori Bean, 17. Dame Marjori Bean, 18. Stanley Lowe, 19. Wesley Leroy Tucker, 20. Louise Jackson, 21. Dame Jennifer Smith



History Lesson

How well do you know your Berm history?

Solve the puzzle and get 10 points.

ACROSS

3. Closest land area to Bermuda
4. Well-known ship built at Buildings Bay
5. Traditional Easter fare
7. Discovered in 1907 by Edgar Hollis and Carl Gibbons
9. Western point of Bermuda triangle

DOWN

1. Home of the Cahow
2. Bermuda's first female lawyer
6. Official residence of the Premier
8. Scene of the Gunpowder Plot
12. 2003 hurricane

ANSWERS: 3. Cape Hatteras, 4. Delivrance, 5. Codfish Cake, 7. Crystal Caves, 9. Miami, 1. Nonsuch, 2. Dame Lois Browne Evans, 6. Camden, 8. Tobacco Bay, 12. Fabian

Eat Your Words

How Berm are your taste buds?
One point for each correct answer

1. In 1875, a total of 4,000 tons of onions were exported from Bermuda, mainly to the United States. What is the equivalent in pounds?

- a) 330,000 pounds
- b) 4.4 million pounds
- c) 1.2 million pounds
- d) 2.8 million pounds

2. In what year did Gosling Brothers Ltd. file and win two trademarks on the recipe for the Dark 'n Stormy?

- a) 1988
- b) 1995
- c) 1991
- d) 2000



3. According to The Master of Codfish Cakes, Dale Butler, what is the ideal ratio of codfish to potato?

- a) 1:1
- b) 2 parts codfish to 1 part potato
- c) 1 part codfish to 2 parts potato
- d) The ideal ration doesn't matter, so long as a patty forms

4. Historically Bermudians would harvest, peel, grate and strain the cassava root in preparation for the Christmas cassava pie. In what year did

the cassava root first arrive in Bermuda from the West Indies?

- a) 1622
- b) 1653
- c) 1612
- d) 1616

5. Back in the day, a rum swizzle was required to be mixed with a "swizzle stick" which was a forked stick made from the branch of what tree?

- a) Loquat
- b) Allspice
- c) Mexican pepper
- d) Cedar

6. To yield the best fish chowder, the head of which fish should be boiled in salted water until fully cooked?

- a) Tuna
- b) Wahoo
- c) Hogfish
- d) Rockfish

7. Which fish sandwich did celebrity chef Marcus Samuelsson call "the biggest and best fried fish sandwich I have ever had" in Forbes magazine?

- a) His own fish sandwich from Marcus'
- b) Rosa's award-winning fish sandwich

c) The legendary fish sandwich from Art Mel's Spicy Dicy
d) The Fish Pon Bun from Ice Queen

8. During the 1950s, lobster was used by locals as bait for which species of fish?

- a) Chub
- b) Snapper
- c) Rockfish
- d) Wahoo

9. True or false: Loquat seeds are slightly poisonous and release cyanide when digested.

- a) False
- b) True

10. In what year did Barritt's begin selling their famous ginger beer?

- a) 1874
- b) 1905
- c) 1896
- d) 1900

11. Which brightly coloured fruit did St David's islanders make candy out of in the nineteenth century?

- a) Guava
- b) Watermelon
- c) Surinam cherries
- d) Prickly pear



THE RESULTS ARE IN!

So how Berm are you?

Tally your score here:

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TOTAL POINTS

Score 1 to 34 points:

Newbie

Welcome to Bermuda, anything to declare?

Don't worry, we're here to help you better understand local history and lingo – just don't ask us to explain cricket!

Score 35 to 69 points:

Long-Term Resident

We get it: you've been here awhile but there's still some more you could learn about our island home. We're not saying you haven't earned your stripes, we're just saying that there's a chance you haven't gotten your sea legs yet.

Score 70 to 103 points:

Born and Bred

Chingas, you are as Bermudian as a codfish cake on a hot cross bun! Pat yourself on the back, mix a Dark 'n Stormy, put your feet up and flex: you've made your country proud!

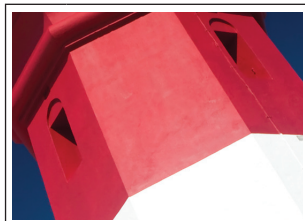


Local Landmarks

Can you identify these iconic landmarks? One point for each correct answer.



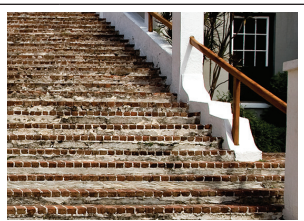
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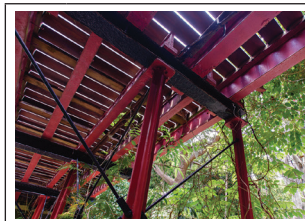
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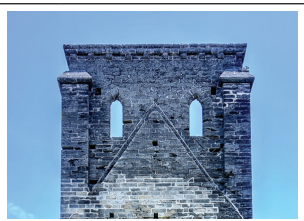
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ANSWERS: 1. Verdmont, 2. St. David's Lighthouse, 3. City Hall, 4. St. Peter's, 5. National Museum of Bermuda, 6. Sessions House, 7. Unfinished Church, 8. Fort Hamilton



And the Year Was...

Four clues, four numbers. Solve them all to reveal a date. Give yourself one point for each and an extra point if you can answer the bonus question.

How many times did Prince Charles and Princess Diana visit Bermuda together?

How many parishes does Bermuda have?

What category storm was Hurricane Humberto?

How many bays are named Long Bay?

Bonus: What famous cruise ship started service to Bermuda that year?

ANSWERS: 1, 9, 3, 3, Queen of Bermuda, 1933