

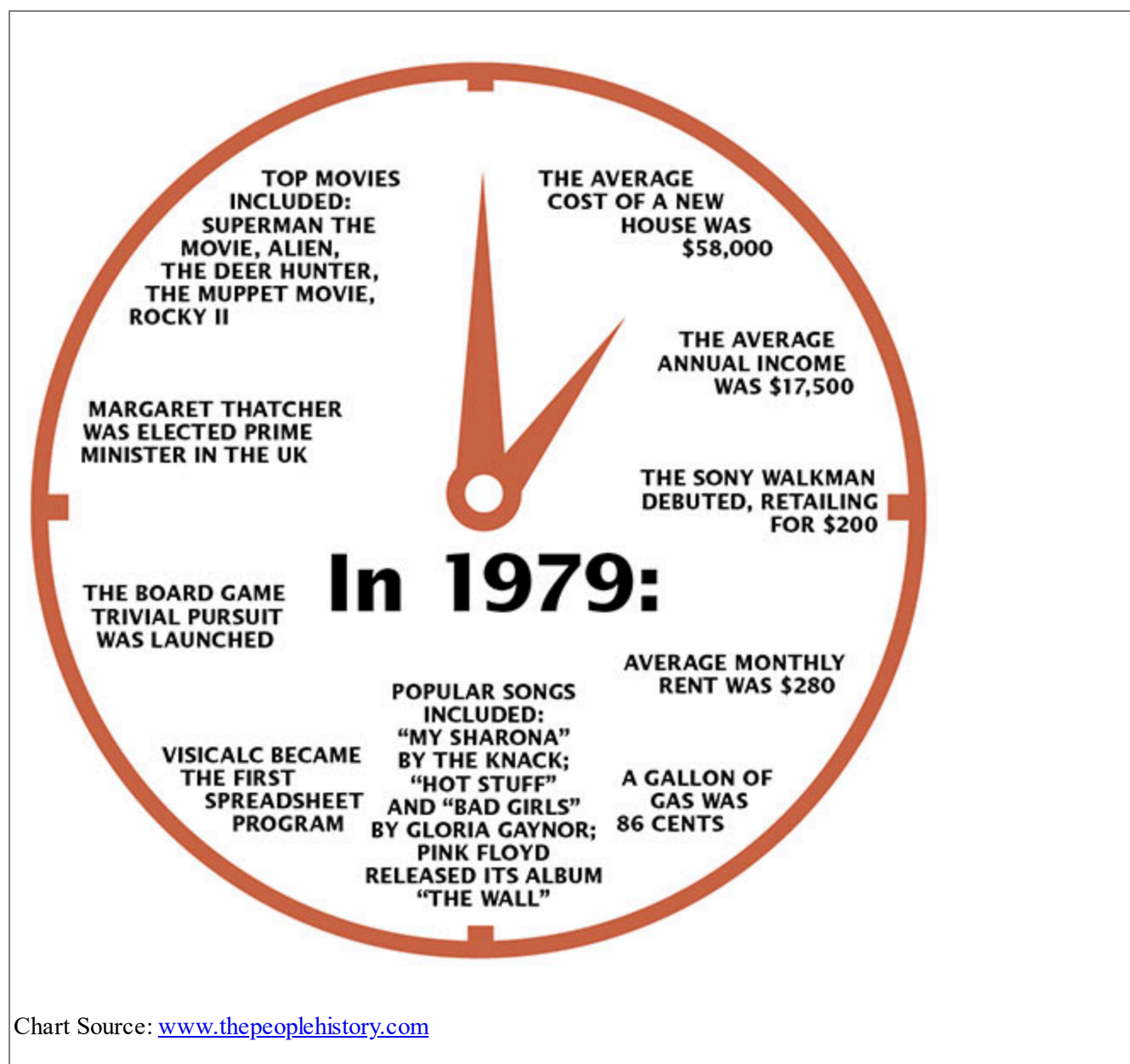
Last Call for ICD-9-CM

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October 1, 2013 could be a day sentimental HIM veterans raise a glass to a longtime friend—or perhaps foe. For October 1 signifies the end of an era; it is the effective date of the final ICD-9-CM update before ICD-10-CM/PCS codes kick in on October 1, 2014.

In a statement to *Government Health IT*, Pat Brooks, from the hospital and ambulatory group at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, said, "For those of us who have been maintaining ICD-9-CM since the code set's implementation in 1979, this final ICD-9-CM code update is a historic occasion."

ICD-9-CM has one more year's worth of last calls, with coders using this latest and last code set update until next October. So as the HIM industry issues a reflective toast to ICD-9-CM, consider how much the world has changed since the code set's implementation... and how ICD-9-CM has started to show its wrinkles and is in need of a replacement.



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