ON THIS DAY

▲ **1840: French artist Claude Monet, one of the founders of the Impressionist movement, was born**

1832: America's first horse-drawn streetcar carried public officials on its initial appearance in New York, 12 days before entering regular public service

1910: Captain Eugene Ely, flying a Curtiss biplane, made the first takeoff from the deck of a ship

1983: The world's biggest airport, covering 210 sq. km (81 sq. miles) opened in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

1988: The Palestinian National Council endorsed UN resolution 242, implicitly recognising Israel

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