

An amazing year ahead

NEW YORK: To hear America's tabloid newspaper psychics tell it, 1989 will be an amazing year — Fidel Castro will die in a hurricane, an Italian jetliner will crash into the Vatican and an Unidentified Flying Object will land in Kansas.

But if any of these forecasts are to come true, the psychics will have to do a lot better than last year, when virtually nothing they predicted came to pass.

Ten psychics polled by the *National Enquirer*, a tabloid read by millions, predicted that in 1988, Mikhail Gorbachev would divorce his wife, Queen Elizabeth would step down from the throne, Princess Diana would give birth to conjoined twins and Parliament would debate which infant should be ranked higher in the order of succession, and dinosaur eggs would be hatched by scientists.

They also predicted that Richard Nixon would become a television evangelist, Fidel Castro would defect to the United States to open a cigar factory, and a UFO full of aliens would land in New York's Central Park, but before anyone could question the crew they would be murdered by muggers and their spacecraft cut into pieces at a nearby panel-beater's shop.
