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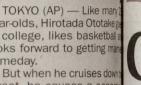
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And he is making Japan about an issue it has long a ed - society's responsit toward the disabled.

Despite its tremendous we and technology, Japan is a difficult place to live for itse mated 3.2 million people physical disabilities.

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Floods threaten thousands MAPUTO, Mozambique (AP) buildings collapse under the weight of people minutes before they were Deadly floods in southern Africa Helicopters raced for a second day today to rescue thousands of about to be rescued.

people stranded by flood waters in trees and on rooftops in southern and Officials did not know how many people had drowned, but said the toll would be high because many helicopters were not enough to save Mozambicans could not swim. The people in both areas. army was scheduled to begin recov-

people left behind tonight. These had survived.

tinue rising.

four children, aged 4 to 6, who were sitting on a completely submerged car with no adults nearby and the streaming water rising.

AVAILABLE AT THE CAP & GOWN CUBICLE of water struck Chokwe, a town of about 40,000 people some 125 miles north of the capital, Maputo. Paul Tyndale-Biscoe, a water engineer who was in Chokwe when the All Applications and Nominations returned to the floodwater hit Sunday, said he saw hu-CAP & GOWN CUBICLE by March 3, 2000 man bodies and cattle carcasses being

central Mozambique.

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A helicopter crew member said a woman threw her baby at an already loaded helicopter as it lifted off. The crew member caught the child by its arm, saving it from certain death, but it was unclear whether its mother had survived.

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Today, villages 25 miles downstream from Chokwe were flooded, said Michele Quintaglie, spokeswoman for the U.N. World Food Program. The five available rescue

"There will be thousands of

will continue to rise in the next few days, the Mozambique Water Department said. The Save River, 600 miles north of the capital of Maputo, was also expected to con-

Among those saved today were

people will be on their own to get through the night," she said, adding it appeared many of the thousands left in the Chokwe area overnight

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