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# Hurricane Flossy Swirling Toward Louisiana Coast

## Claims Two Lives And Threatens 24 Others In Gulf

NEW ORLEANS, Sept. 23 (AP)—Hurricane Flossy apparently took two lives and threatened two dozen others in the Gulf of Mexico tonight as it swirled toward the Louisiana coast.

Bad weather forced the Coast Guard to ground rescue planes, leaving an estimated two dozen persons stranded on offshore oil rigs and disabled small craft in the path of the storm.

Cutters were ordered into the area, but were not expected to reach it until after the hurricane moves inland.

### Town Ordered Evacuated

Golden Meadow, a town of 6,500 was ordered evacuated and low areas near the Louisiana coast were evacuated earlier today. Communications into the area south of New Orleans were down.

The Coast Guard said two men aboard the 300-foot motor vessel Carport, owned by Cargo Carriers, Inc., were believed to have drowned 40 miles west of the Mississippi River's mouth.

One of the men fell overboard and the other jumped into the water to aid him. Both went under and no trace of them had been found, the ship's captain said.

Flossy, packing winds up to 75 miles an hour, was about 160 miles south of New Orleans and moving northward at about eight to 10 miles an hour, the Weather Bureau said in its advisory.

### Brace For Impact

The coast near Grand Isle, La., braced to receive the impact as the hurricane moved toward land. Flossy's center was expected to reach there tonight.

Residents of Grand Isle and other coastal areas and the lowlands had already fled their homes to seek emergency shelter.

Hurricane warnings were ordered from Grand Isle, La., to Mobile, Ala., and storm warnings were continued from Morgan City, La., to Panama City, Fla.

Small craft from Lake Charles, La., to Cedar Key, Fla., were advised to remain in port.

The Caribbean-born storm, due

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to pass near New Orleans early tomorrow, was expected to swing into a more northeasterly direction during the night.

The Coast Guard said it had set up a 24-man flood and disaster relief force.

A spokesman for Cargo Carriers Inc. listed the men believed drowned as the vessel's chief mate, identified only by the last name of Ayres, and the second mate, John Ridder. They were trying to change watch in rough weather when Ayres fell overboard.

The vessel itself was reported in need of aid, the Coast Guard said.

The Coast Guard was hampered in its rescue work after weather grounded its helicopters.

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When you are preparing a lattice top pie, be sure to fold the bottom crust up over the pastry strips for a neat finish.