

# Moseley-Braun campaigning on gun control theme

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CHICAGO — Hours after a gunman's deadly rampage through the Capitol, Sen. Carol Moseley-Braun warned that the nation "is awash in a sea of handguns."

"We must keep guns out of the hands of felons and mental cases and children," the Senate's first black woman told a hastily assembled battery of Chicago television cameras.

Gun control is Moseley-Braun's constant theme these days as she seeks a second term. Her chances for victory depend in part on whether that issue carries more weight with voters than questions about her campaign spending, a mysterious former fiancé and a visit with one of Africa's most notorious dictators.

Her Republican challenger, millionaire Peter Fitzgerald, barely trailed in the latest poll. If he wins, it would be the Illinois GOP's first victory in a Senate race since Charles Percy won in 1978.

But gun control has proven popular in this middle-of-the-road state, and the conservative Fitzgerald wants to legalize carrying concealed weapons — a proposal Moseley-Braun denounces at every opportunity.

"To suggest that someone sitting next to you should have a gun in his pocket or her purse without you knowing it — hidden handguns — borders on the irresponsible," she said.

The 50-year-old Moseley-Braun's six years on Capitol Hill have been a roller coaster



**MOSELEY-BRAUN** ride of controversy. Most recently, the Justice Department confirmed that the Internal Revenue Service in 1995 twice asked for federal grand jury investigations of spending during her 1992 campaign.

WBBM-TV reported that the IRS wanted to know

whether Moseley-Braun and her campaign manager and fiancé, Kgosie Matthews, used \$281,000 in campaign funds to pay for Giorgio Armani fashions, jewelry, a stereo and overseas vacations.

The Justice Department refused to take the case before a grand jury, saying evidence was insufficient. Moseley-Braun says that clears her.

"I hope this drives a stake into that Dracula's heart," she told a Washington news conference.

But the WBBM report said that the IRS still wants a probe of Matthews, a South African national who is no longer the senator's fiancé.

"She made the mistake of falling in love with the wrong guy," said former U.S. Sen.

Paul Simon, D-Ill.

Simon says voters should focus on such Moseley-Braun good deeds as a campaign to get billions of dollars to rebuild dilapidated schools.

"Her record in Washington is a good one," he said. "She is a voice for those who are struggling in our society. And her opponent is not."

The 37-year-old Fitzgerald is a state senator whose wealth, estimated at \$50 million or more, comes from his father's banking business. In Springfield he is known as a bland, conscientious workhorse who fights higher taxes and so-called pork-barrel subsidies.

He's been quick to seize on the campaign finance controversy, demanding that

Moseley-Braun reveal all of her correspondence on the issue. Her supporters retort that they've already made 30,000 pages of records available to the IRS.

Fitzgerald won't let go. "Her stonewalling is an affront to every Illinois voter who deserves... accountability from someone entrusted with one of the highest offices in the land," he said.

The latest Copley News Service poll found Moseley-Braun with 46 percent to Fitzgerald's 42 percent. The poll of 807 voters this month by Mason-Dixon Political Media Research had a margin of error of 4 percentage points. The poll was taken before word of the grand jury requests (See *Gun Control*, Page 9)

# Senate rejects Jones' nomination as USAF secretary

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WASHINGTON — A deeply divided Senate committee rejected Daryl Jones' bid to become Air Force secretary last Wednesday after witnesses testified he had been grounded as a fighter pilot and then lied about it. The nomination died on a 9-9 vote.

Jones would have been the first black Air Force secretary.

Jones, nominated by President Clinton last October, has denied the accusations. But Senate detractors suggested the allegations, along with questions about his business dealings, made him the wrong choice to lead the Air Force at a time when the service is having morale problems and difficulty keeping pilots.

Clinton said he was "deeply disappointed" by the Senate committee's action and defended Jones as "a good, decent, able man."

"He was an outstanding candidate for this position, and he deserved the opportunity to be considered by the full Senate," Clinton said. "I thank Mr. Jones for his willingness to serve his country. I am confident that he will continue to make vital contributions to Florida and to our nation."

A White House official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Clinton met with Jones for about 15 minutes Wednesday and thanked him for accepting the nomination. When asked whether Clinton considers Jones' nomination dead, the official said: "He said he hopes he can find some other way for him to serve."

Sen. John Warner (R-Va.), a former Navy secretary, said Jones would be "unable to serve as a leader and inspire those who serve under him, particularly those in uniform."

Meeting briefly with reporters at the Pentagon, Jones said none of the objections raised against him "made logical sense to me." He said he would keep his reserve status and return to Florida to campaign for re-election to his state Senate seat.

"My constituents are very supportive. ... I hope I am welcomed back with open arms," he said. He met a filing deadline there last week.

Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles said his state was "proud" of Jones and "the nation's loss is Florida's gain."


Rep. Carrie Meek (D-Fla.), said she was

disappointed the committee gave credence to what she called "petty rumors and innuendo."

"This committee concentrated on just 15 minutes of his more than 20-year career. I don't think any one of us could have withstood that kind of petty scrutiny," she said.

Even his critics conceded that, at least on paper, Jones, 43, had impressive credentials: an Air Force Academy graduate, a fighter pilot, a successful lawyer and businessman and a state lawmaker. But questions about his background and character kept resurfacing, mostly from

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