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New JFK museum aims to catch the spirit of his era

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BOSTON — Step back into 1960, when people left their car doors unlocked, father knew best, cowboys were TV heroes and a maverick young senator from Massachusetts wrested the Democratic nomination for president from the Old Pols.

The new \$5 million Museum of the John Fitzgerald Kennedy Library in Boston aims to capture the tenor of the times, dwelling on the luster of the Kennedy era instead of on the national tragedy of his assassination, and the controversy and quasi-scandals that have followed.

Much of the story comes through JFK's own words, from tapes of interviews and speeches throughout the 25 new exhibits that cover his campaign, the televised debates with then-Vice President Richard M. Nixon, his inaugural speech, his administration, the Berlin Wall, the Cuban missile crisis and the family legacy.

The museum in the library at Columbia Point is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. seven days a week. Admission is \$6 for adults; \$4 for seniors and students over age 16, and \$2 for students under 16. Phone 617-929-4523.