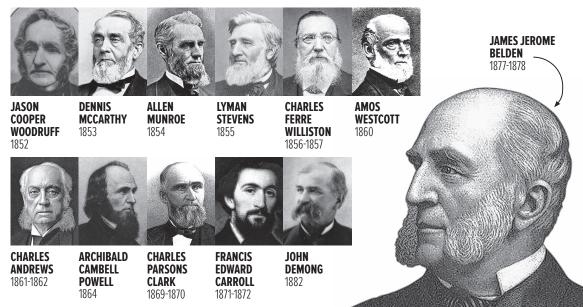
No Shave November: Rocking the facial hair

MAYORS OF SYRACUSE



appy No Shave November, Central New York.
Unfamiliar with the annual cultural phenomenon? "NoShavember" has roots in the separate-yet-similar movements on movember.com and no-shave.org. Movember encourages men to grow out their beards and mustaches, then raise funds for men's health programs, specifically for mental health, prostate and testicular cancer.

No Shave November encourages men to organize fundraising teams and donate the money they would've spent on razors, blades and shaving cream to the American Cancer Association. Their goal is to grow awareness by embracing hair, which many cancer patients lose.

Many participate just for fun too. Either way, let's kick off this razor-free month with a tribute to the finest facial hair grown by former leaders of Salt City. We asked online readers to look at photos of 12 Syracuse mayors from the 19th century and vote for the facial hair that tickled them the most. The winner (by a whisker!) was James Jerome Belden's majestic muttons, which received 18.41 percent of the vote, just beating John Demong's husky handlebar moustache (16 percent).

Belden was Syracuse mayor from 1877 to 1878. Demong was mayor in 1882.

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