Skateboarders are great athletes. They exhibit concentration, balance, a high sense of anticipation, and muscular strength. A skateboarder's joke is: What's a fat skateboarder? A beginner.

Most skateboard parks require very little more maintenance than emptying trash cans. Unlike today's public tennis courts and baseball fields, a skate board park on an afternoon is rarely empty.

In this slideshow of a park in Oakland, the skater appears relaxed, but very watchful. His facial expression rarely changes. He seems to be organic to his surroundings. With bent knees, eyes fixed ahead, arms stretched out, he seems to be gliding into flight.

As a small test for the observer of this set of photos is there one photo in which he does not have his cigarette with him?

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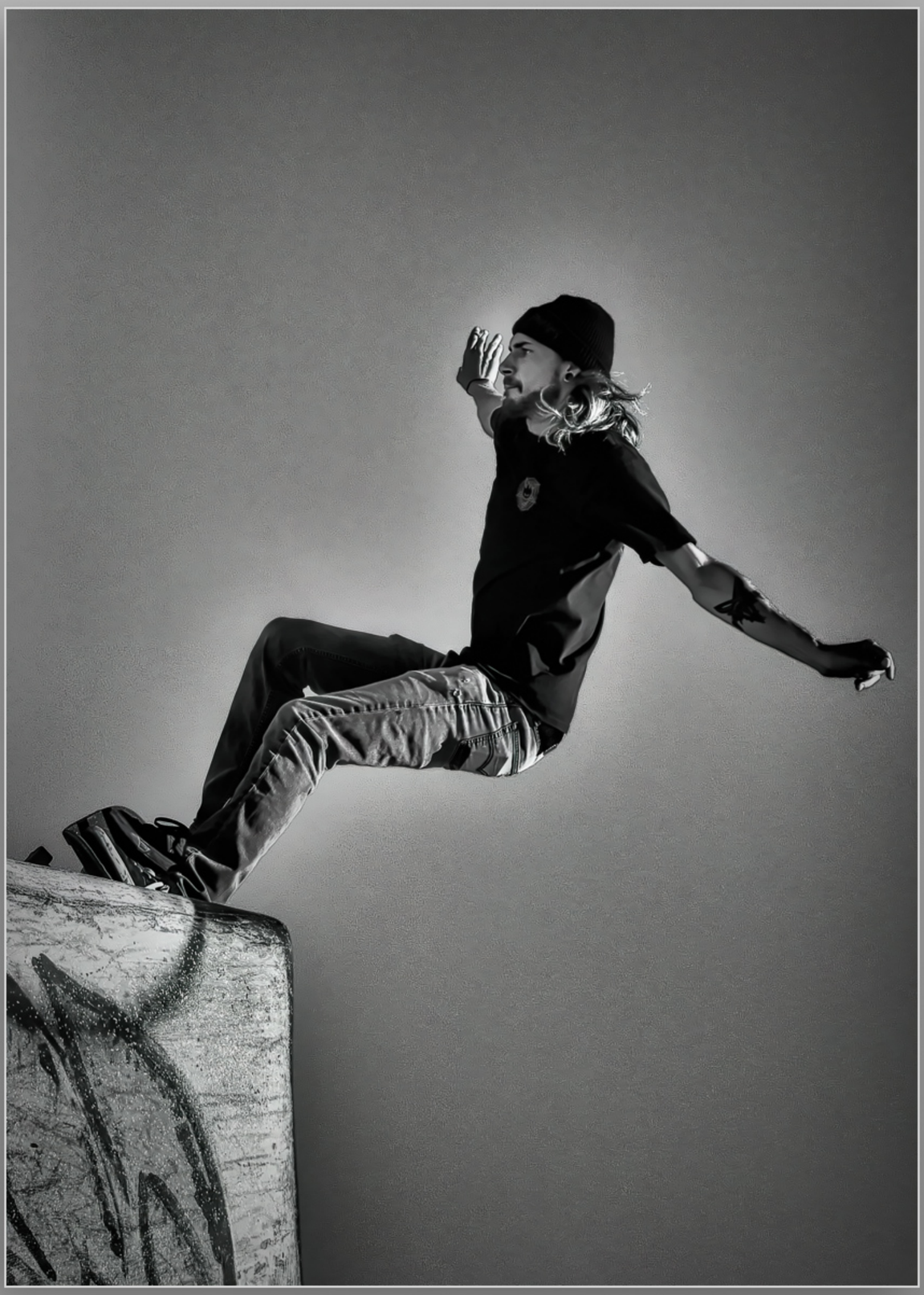

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