

Local Diner Bites Off More than He Can Chew

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Mac Kimball of Oak Lawn nearly met his maker when he attempted to consume the TripleKing at FatBurger in one mouthful Saturday afternoon. The TripleKing Burger stands six inches tall. "I knew my jaw could open that wide, but I wasn't prepared for the amount of teeth gnawing required to mush the meat, cheese, lettuce, tomato, and bun," Kimball said as he wiped mustard from the corner of his mouth. Mr. Kimball seemed confident in his attempt. "Getting my jaw open for the first bite wasn't the problem. It was getting my tongue moving enough to chew the darn thing that caught me off guard."

Other diners knew something was wrong when Kimball started coughing bits of lettuce on his table. One diner encouraged him to spit the burger out onto his plate, but Kimball shook his head and kept trying to swallow. That's when the burger got lodged in his throat and the store manager had to perform the Heimlich maneuver. Other patrons stood by and cheered as the half-pound of beef flew out of his mouth. Kimball said he learned a valuable lesson from the incident. "I have to know my limitations."



