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Frank Basil McFarland:  
Heaping portion of lettuce,  
sliced tomato, sliced cucumber,  
four celery stalks,  
four sticks of American  
or cheddar cheese,  
two bananas, two cold half-pints  
of milk. Asked that all vegetables  
be washed prior to serving.  
Asked that the cheese  
sticks be "clean."  
Executed April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Delbert Teague: None.  
At the last minute  
decided to eat a hamburger  
at his mother's request.  
Executed September 9<sup>th</sup>.

David Allen Castillo:  
Twenty-four soft tacos,  
six enchiladas, six tostadas,  
two whole onions, five jalapenos,  
two cheeseburgers,  
one chocolate shake, one quart

of milk, and one package  
of Marlboro cigarettes.  
Executed September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Jonathan Nobles: Eucharist.  
Executed October 7<sup>th</sup>.

\*The web site of the Texas Department of Criminal Justice published requests for last meals of prisoners executed in 1998. Four of those requests are referenced above. Texas has the highest execution rate of any state in the nation.