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Bronx Zoo Cobra: Kicking Asssss And Getting Named

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Ever since the cobra at the Bronx Zoo outwitted zookeepers last week, New Yorkers (and some hicks out of state, too) have been enamored with the little sucker. After officials captured the cobra on Thursday, allowing us all go to the Bronx safely again (ha), the zoo, along with the *Daily News*, decided to hold a competition to name her and the five finalists were chosen based on 28,000 submitted names: Cleopatra, MA (missing in action), Subira, Amunet and Agnes.



The *Daily News* included justification for the finalists along with their announcement:

- Cleopatra – the last pharaoh of Ancient Egypt; supposedly killed herself by means of an Egyptian cobra bite
- MA— stands for "missing in action" but will be pronounced "Me-ah"
- Subira – the Egyptian word for "patience"
- Amunet - Agoddess in Ancient Egyptian religion; meaning "the female hidden one"
- Agnes - Greek for pure or holy, also a reference to St. Agnes

The cobra's [Twitter account](#) (which has a ton of followers and is completely hilarious) campaigned for the official name to follow the account, explaining "Um, its "@BronxZoosCobra", in response to the announcement of the competition.

Though you can vote on the five finalists until 12:01 a.m. Wednesday (and the winner will be announced Thursday), I maintain that @BronxZoosCobra should have been among them. Among the online sensation's better tweets are:

- Anyone know if Rebecca Black lives in NYC? No reason.
- Taking the Sex and the City Tour!!! I'm totally a SSSamantha. #snakeonthetown
- Craigslist missed connection? RT @MikeBloomberg President Obama & I toured Museum of Natural History, saw 94ft whale but no @BronxZoosCobra
- A lot of you are asking for details of my capture. Basically I was caught between the moon and New York City. #snakeinthezoo

@BronxZoosCobra also managed to hack into [Ryan Seacrest's account](#):

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