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Migraine Caused TV Reporter's Gibberish

Ailment can mimic a stroke

(AP)-- A TV reporter who lapsed into gibberish during a live shot outside the Feb. 13 Grammys said

was terrified when it happened and knew something was wrong as soon as she opened her mouth.

KCBS-TV reporter Serene Branson's incoherence fueled Internet speculation that she suffered an on-air stroke. But doctors

at the University of California, Los Angeles where she went to get a brain scan and blood work done ruled it out. Doctors said she suffered a type of migraine that can mimic symptoms of a stroke.

Branson told the station in an interview Thursday that she "started to get a really bad headache" but assumed she was just tired.

"At around 10 o'clock that night I was sitting in the live truck with my

field producer and the photographer and I was starting to look at some of my notes," she said. "I started to think, the words on the page are blurry and I could notice that my thoughts were not forming the way they normally do."

"As soon as I opened my mouth I knew something was wrong," Branson said. "I was having trouble remembering the word for Grammy," she said. "I knew what I wanted to say but I didn't have the words to

say it."

The station quickly cut away, and she was examined by paramedics and recovered at home.

Most people with migraines don't have any warning. But about 20 to 30 percent experience sensations before or during a migraine attack. "A migraine is not just a headache. It's a complicated brain event," said UCLA neurologist Dr. Andrew Charles, who examined Branson.



TV Reporter Serene Branson lapsed into gibberish during a live shot outside the Grammys because of a migraine, not a stroke, doctors have determined.

Tribute to Motown at the White House

The President and First Lady will invite music legends and contemporary major artists to the White House on Thursday, Feb. 24 for "The Motown Sound: In Performance at the White House," a concert celebrating Black History Month and the legacy of Motown Records.

The program will include tributes to Motown's distinctive soul-infused pop music sound that solidified its popularity in American culture, and showcase Motown's impact on all music.

The event will include legends from Motown's golden age and performances by artists from today, all in tribute to Motown's 50-year legacy. Performers include Smokey Robinson, Natasha Bedingfield, Sheryl Crow, Jamie Foxx, Gloriana, Nick Jonas, Ledisi, John Legend, Amber Riley, Mark Salling, Seal and Jordin Sparks.

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