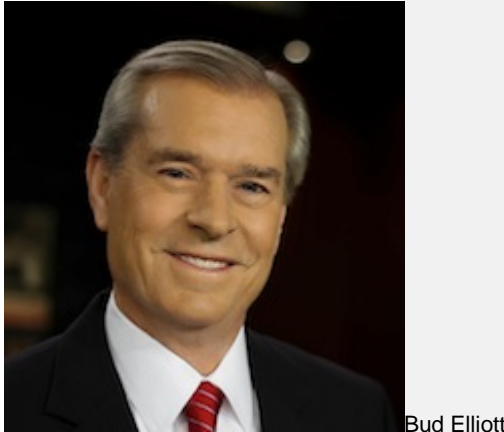


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Another one of Fresno's most recognizable faces is leaving the airwaves with the retirement announcement today from KSEE 24 anchor Bud Elliott.

Elliott plans to anchor his final broadcast May 23 after more than 23 years with the Valley's NBC affiliate.

"My career with KSEE 24 has given me the opportunity to meet and work with incredible people," Elliott said in a statement. "Now I'm looking forward to spending quality time with my family including a brand new grandson in Sacramento, and focusing on some recently discovered health issues."

The statement didn't elaborate on the nature of the health issues.

KSEE 24 plans to recognize Elliott's personal and professional accomplishments over the coming weeks.

Elliott's career in news started at KHOW radio in Denver, where he was news director during the 1970s. He went on to become a news anchor at CNN-2, which would go on to become CNN Headline News. He arrived in Fresno from an ABC affiliate in Richmond, Virg. before starting as a KSEE 24 anchor in 1987.

Elliott's contract with KSEE 24 expired in 2007. After a stint with KJWL radio, he rejoined KSEE 24 in March 2012 as a full-time member of the morning team. In July 2012 he returned as anchor of the evening news with longtime colleague Stefani Booroojian.

Elliott is the latest Fresno broadcast veteran to retire. Weather forecaster Angelo Stalis retired from KFSN 30 last year after 43 years on the air. Mike Scott with KGPE 47 also retired last year after 30 years.