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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

**PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported) April 29, 2004

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**SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**000-26497**  
(Commission file number)

**77-0121400**  
(IRS employer  
identification no.)

**4880 Santa Rosa Road, Camarillo, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**93012**  
(Zip code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code (805) 987-0400**

**Not applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**Item 7. Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits:

The following exhibit is filed with this report on Form 8-K:

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
23.1	Consent of Ernst & Young LLP, Independent Auditors.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

SALEM COMMUNICATIONS CORPORATION

Date: April 29, 2004

By:           /s/ Jonathan L. Block          

Jonathan L. Block  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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Consent of Independent Auditors

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement (Form S-8 No. 333-40494) pertaining to the 1999 Stock Incentive Plan of Salem Communications Corporation and in the Registration Statement (Form S-3 No. 333-86580) of Salem Communications Corporation and in the related Prospectus of our report dated February 24, 2004 with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedule of Salem Communications Corporation included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2003 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Los Angeles, California  
April 29, 2004