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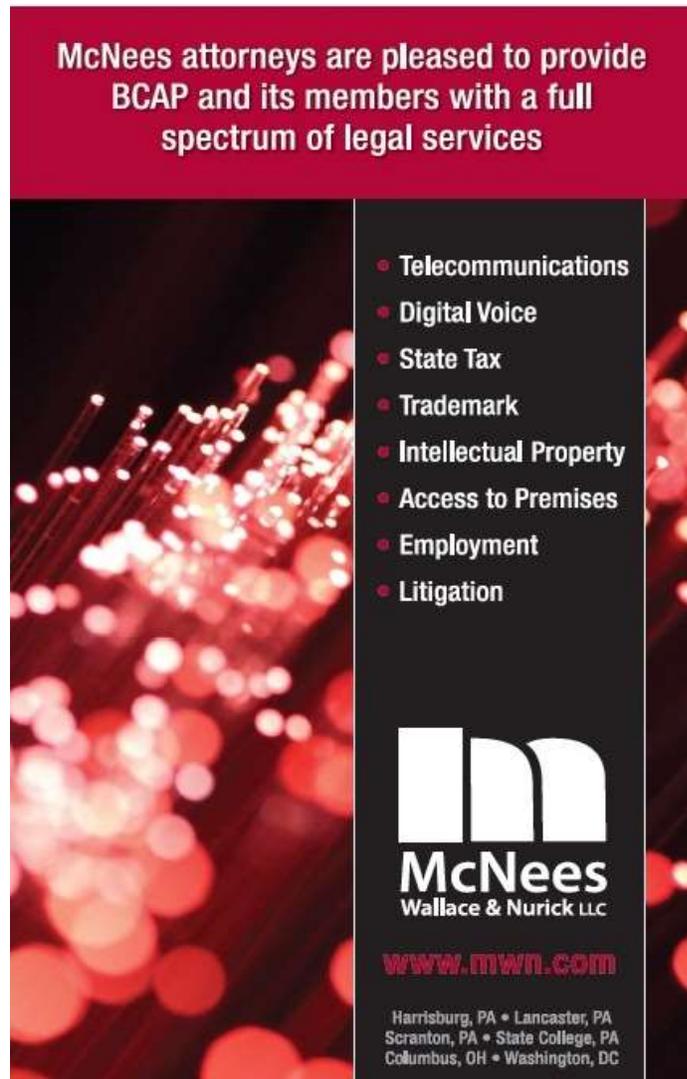
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Hazleton's first Spanish-language television station is on the air, with its reach extending far beyond the city.

Telekaribe, offered locally on Service Electric Cablevision channel 299 as part of the company's Hispanic Tier of channels, proclaims itself in its promotional materials to be



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Dominican-oriented, and delivers "local and international television on one channel." Located in the Hayden Tower at the Markle in downtown Hazleton, it promises to provide news, general entertainment, music, sports, special programs, movies, comedy, employment notices, weather, religious programming and information about sales and services on live television 24 hours a day.

According to Telekaribe's website, the network has a flagship station "in the heart of Washington Heights" in New York City. The station also reaches the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico. A Telekaribe satellite station is slated also to open in Puerto Rico in the near future. It will also branch off into New England as far as Boston, in terms of broadcasting, and establish another broadcasting site in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Max Garcia is the CEO and program director of the station. He spent more than 20 years as a television producer in the Dominican Republic before coming to the United States two years ago, when the idea of expanding Telekaribe's reach into Hazleton arose. And while the focus of the channel will be on Dominican cultural programming, Garcia believes that the station also will be of interest to all area Hispanics, as well as local English speakers who want to learn Spanish. "Eighty percent of the Hispanics in Hazleton are Dominican," Garcia said. "However this does not mean that we are neglecting other Hispanic groups."

He said he wishes to hear suggestions for programming from all area Hispanics so that the station's programming can be better tailored to an evolving demographic. "Right

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now we are primarily focusing on entertainment programs," Garcia said. "And we have been broadcasting 24 hours a day for three weeks."

News, at this time, will have a local focus and be offered in "capsules" throughout the day, Garcia said. In the future, a daily news program may appear, but Garcia sees external producers partnering to create such expansion. He also said that he would like to talk about a potential alliance with other local news media. Garcia underscored that the local Spanish-speaking population is hungry for information and particularly local news.

His aim is to create a more unified community where Spanish-speakers and non-Spanish-speakers work together, for the overall good of the city, he said. Like many immigrants, Garcia first came to New York and has now settled with his family in the area. He says he finds Hazleton to be "a great town." He also said he loves life here and finds it very "quiet." – *Hazleton Standard-Speaker*

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Construction of the \$3 million project will begin early in 2016, and officials say it's similar to projects Google has done in cities around the country. "This is building a gigabit synchronous, which is essentially 100 times faster than the average speed across America right now for internet for both residence and businesses," Lynch said. "That's both upstream and downstream speed - it's very much like Google has announced in Kansas city. In fact this is the same architecture that Google's deploying in different parts of the country," he added.

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Gov. Tom Wolf avoided answering a question at the (BCAP co-sponsored) Pennsylvania Press Club on Monday asking him what he plans to do next year to hold on to the ranking he earned from [Insidegov.com survey](#) this year that was highlighted by [the Huffington Post](#) as the most liberal governor in America.

Instead of answering it, Wolf cited the irony behind that title and questioned the math used to place that label on him. "Don't you think there's a certain irony to somebody who actually grew up in a business and did that for most of his life to be considered the most liberal governor in the United States?" Wolf said. "I'd like to see the algorithm that particular survey used. I don't know what I did to get there in the first place." The government research website cites Wolf's strong support for abortion rights, affirmative action, and same-sex marriage as among the reasons for his most-liberal ranking. – **pennlive.com**



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