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He's made it official via a web video. American Idol star Clay Aiken says he will seek the Democratic nomination for the 2nd district seat in Congress – the seat now held by Republican Renee Ellmers. You'll hear Aiken talk about his foray into politics and why he believes Ellmers should be replaced. Meantime, another Democrat may as well be in the race for governor. You'll hear Attorney General Roy Cooper lament Republican leadership of North Carolina and ask North Carolinians to help take the state back. His comments come in a video that all but asks people to vote for him for governor. Host Donna Martinez gets reaction to both Aiken and Cooper from Democratic political consultant Thomas Mills, who says state Democrats are looking at a potential generation change of leadership within the party. Aiken's candidacy is already drawing scrutiny from national websites. In this week's edition of "On the Trail," Carolina Journal Managing Editor Rick Henderson tells Martinez about a tweet Aiken made during the 2012 Republican National Convention that mocks the GOP for failing to attract more African-Americans. The two also discuss the latest endorsements in the U.S. Senate race and two key congressional races, as well as fundraising totals for some of the candidates – including N.C. Senate Leader Phil Berger, Republican of Rockingham County.