Busy Blumenthal

U.S. Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-Conn., was out and about locally Friday visiting a manufacturer in Columbia and making a stop at Eastern Connecticut State University in Willimantic. He’s facing off against GOP challenger Dan Carter. ABOVE: Blumenthal, left, visits with ECSU’s Institute for Sustainable Energy to discuss efforts to drive down energy costs and reduce the reliance on fossil fuels. At the right is ECSU President Elsa Nuñez. LEFT: Blumenthal, left, visited Columbia Manufacturing, which builds metal components serving the aviation and other industries. At the right is employee Janet Linderson, an employee for 21 years. She is showing him what she is making on the punch press.