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dita boom

THE NEW YORK TIMES reports sales of Dita Machines—that is, Dita Beard Machines, a.k.a., paper shredders—are up 25% over last year. Gross sales are approaching \$10 million yearly. One manufacturing firm, it is said, has boosted sales through claims that its products can shred up to 2500 pounds of secrets an hour.