Getting a charge out of backpacking

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Talk about plugging along. Soldiers, emergency workers, or hikers toting heavy loads may soon don a new kind of backpack that converts energy from their strides into electricity. The souped-up backpack, which produces power from the up-and-down oscillations of the wearer's body, can supply juice to electronic gadgets a hiker might have along.
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