An agricultural hero, defined in bronze

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Benjamin Victor and his son Caleb, who is 12, walked briefly this other day from the White House to the U.S. Botanic Garden, on the Mall side of the Capitol. They are part of a small but vigorous crowd of people who believe that drones are the future of American agriculture. "We'll let us take aerial selfies," he said, before the drone settles back on the cracked asphalt after a brief ascent into the lower reaches of the suburban troposphere.

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These are no flights of fancy, say local drone enthusiasts. Indeed, they believe that the one thing holding them back is their dearth of such things as "reliable sources of funding." So far, they have been able to fly their drones only at gatherings organized by the D.C. Area Drone User Group. "It's the roof-top," says Christopher Vo, director of education for the D.C. Area Drone User Group, of one of the "unmanned copters" that the group has been using to test their flight capabilities. "We've got a test run of a new unmanned copter that we're working on," he adds, "and we're hoping to get it up in the air soon." The group has been working on their drones for the past four months, and they hope to have them flying in the air by the end of the year.

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Drone devotees get a buzz from promise of flight

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Brinn妮Kapoor of Lepros checks out his drone, which needs oiling, at a workshop for drone enthusiasts in Boston. 

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