



EASY — Timothy Watson, 68, of Long Beach holds his newest invention, "A Dip'll Do," which is used to clean windows with louvered panes at a much faster pace than it would normally take. Watson, also known as Timmy Tool, hopes to market the gadget in two months. —GUY CROWDER PHOTO

Inventor Excited Over 'A Dip'll Do'

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It's not every day that you run into an inventor.

But when you do, watch out!

Especially if his name is Timmy Tool, 68, and the inventor of "A Dip'll Do."

"A Dip'll Do" is a scissor-like gadget with soft rubber sponges attached to each of the two blades.

Timmy Tool, also known as Timothy Watson, lives in Long Beach where he operates a maintenance business.

He is also the father of a famous world class athlete. But later on that.

Let's go back to Timmy Tool (trade name) and his "A Dip'll Do."

A few years back Watson came up with an idea for a gadget that he thought would revolutionize the cleaning of windows with louvered panes.

And at the same time, he hoped to cut the cleaning time at least in half.

The result?

"A Dip'll Do," he said. And it will do just that, dip it in cleaning liquid and do the job for you, he added.

The U.S. Patent Office last year granted him with Patent No. 234,115 for his invention.

"I'm just so thrilled that my thing is going to sell to the women of the world," said Watson, excitedly.

And also thrilled is Dick Livingstone, president of RKL Ltd., which will handle the production end of the "A Dip'll Do."

"I think it's a terrific product," said the Newport businessman and, he added, "We should be on the market in two months."

Reportedly, the gadget cuts cleaning time of louvered windows to a third of what it would normally take to do a particular job.

When Watson is not talking about his new invention, his conversation instantly shifts to his six children — in particular, daughter Martha Watson.

A three-time Olympian and current holder of the world's women's long jump, Watson is training for her fourth Olympics.

Like that's not enough, his daughter recently was appointed athletic director of California State College at Dominguez Hills.

This makes her the first woman to hold such a high position in a major college of the state, if not the country.

And earlier this year, Martha Watson was named Los Angeles Times Woman of the Year.

"I've got one of the most beautiful daughters in the world," said the proud father, adding that all his children "have degrees."

The conversation shifted once more.

"The Americans will take the Olympics this year," he predicted.

Well, from the way things are looking up for Timmy Tool and his daughter, Martha, it won't surprise a soul if Watson comes back from Montreal wearing a gold medal around her neck this summer.