



Lightning goalie, Chris Ellis

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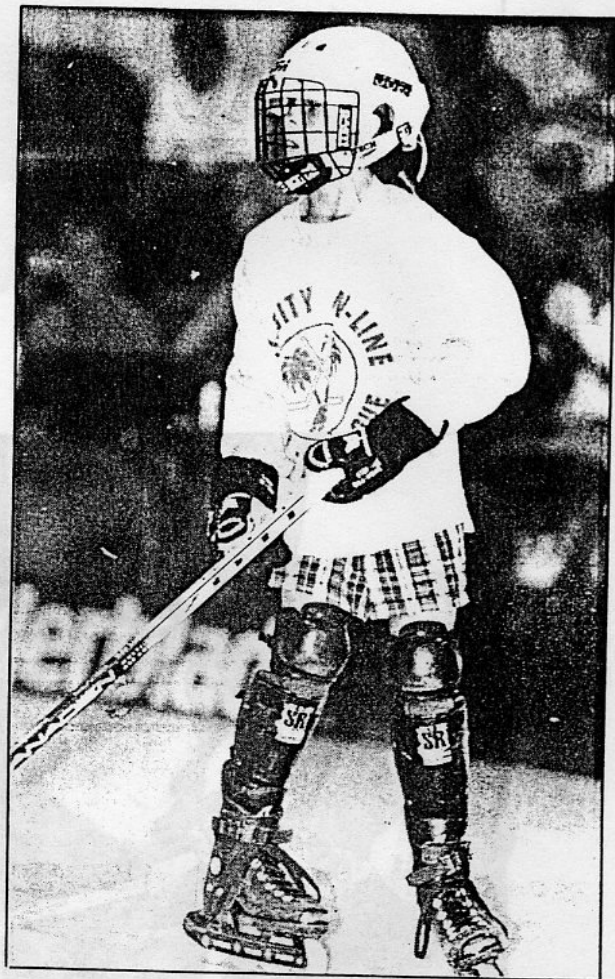
first pair of skates at age 4 and played in his first league as an 8-year-old.

Working his way through the Greater New York Hockey League, Metropolitan Junior Hockey Association and the New York Rangers Junior Teams, Gomez, who was a goaltender, left hockey in 1970 to pursue a career in consumer electronic sales.

That brought Gomez to California, where he now spends more time battling city officials than does instructing youngsters on the finer points of the game.

"I spend about 80 percent of my time doing this," Gomez said. "I have to work with the cities and politicians who seem to have their hands in certain sports and that is a method for them to get votes.

"I work best in controversy and it's just like a goaltender because you have to be very unorthodox and things just seem to come out right."



Vanessa Chapas



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