

under multiple, attached, ponchos erected as a shelter from the tropical rain.

Creating a "cheeseburger in paradise" from the patty of mystery meat and pretend bun from C-rations.

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This wasn't the treat Jimmy Buffet sang about 10 years later, and this definitely wasn't paradise.

Relishing in the pleasure of a cup of instant coffee in a C-Ration can and the

have this experience.

■ Mike Charles is the pseudonym of a Northeast Tallahassee restaurant owner who is also a Vietnam War veteran. He is compiling anecdotes from his war experience and is hoping to turn them into a book titled "Thirteen Months." If you have a contribution, send it to Mike Charles, c/o Northeast Chronicle, P.O. Box 990, Tallahassee, FL 32302.

## birdwatching



GLENDA SIMMONS /Special to the Chronicle

**A yellow-bellied sapsucker looks for a snack in Glenda Simmons' yard.**

water. Your yard should include large canopy trees, smaller understory trees, shrubs bearing fruit and seeds, wildflowers and perennials and areas of leaf litter. Brushy areas, hedges and thickets are important too.

Place your water feature; whether a simple bird bath or small pond with mister close enough to your window so that you can readily spot visiting birds. Then keep your bird book and binoculars handy!

■ Donna Legare is co-owner of Native Nurseries.

## Nathan enjoys piano lessons



**NATHAN MORSE**  
THE CHRONICLE KID

I take piano lessons from **Steve Sternberg**, an excellent teacher. Every week he comes to our house, and we have a piano lesson. I've been playing since 2004, and I've come a long way thanks to Mr. Sternberg.

When I first started piano lessons, I didn't even have a piano — all I had was a harpsichord, and I survived until got a piano from a friend.

Mr. Sternberg has published a few CDs with his own songs and some of others' works. He teaches flute, sax, and I would imagine some other instruments. He performs regularly around the area for various events. He has a band that I really like.

I think Mr. Sternberg has a lot of dedication to piano teaching. He likes us to get perfect about the way we do songs. It can take up

to a month or more to pass a song, but when we have it finished, it really sounds good.

Mr. Sternberg has taught me well — in fact, one time, they were auctioning a baby grand piano in the mall and were asking piano students to come play on it so passing shoppers could hear it and want it. Mr. Sternberg told me about it, and I played on it and I felt honored.

If you are looking for a piano, sax, flute, etc. teacher, I would recommend Mr. Sternberg. Just call him at 893-4219.

He teaches all ages, including adults, and at recitals, all the students and their families meet somewhere and play two or so songs each. Then, Mr. Sternberg plays his arrangement — which is really good! — and we go off to refreshments.

If my neighbor hadn't told me about Mr. Sternberg, I wouldn't have gotten to have such a wonderful teacher.

■ Nathan Morse, a fifth grader at Buck Lake Elementary in **Betsy Sullivan's** class and a member of Cub Scout Pack 10, takes piano lessons from Steve Sternberg.