Lava erupts Wednesday in the Leilani Estates area near Pahoa, Hawaii.

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Lava from Big Island enters ocean from 3 flows

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Trump cancels NKorea summit

Kim says he still wants talks

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WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump abruptly canceled his summit with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, blaming "tremendous anger and open hostility" — a decision North Korea called "regrettable" while still holding out hope for "peace and stability."

In a letter to Kim about his decision to back away from the June 12 summit, Trump pointed to America's vast military might and warned the rising nuclear power against any "foolish or reckless acts."

The president also said he no longer considers North Korea a "tremendous threat."

Trump said "there is no rush" to restart talks, but that "we will be patient until it's time to act again." 

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un made good on his promise to demolish his country's nuclear test site, which was formally closed in a series of huge explosions Thursday in a move aimed at defusing a new nuclear crisis.

The order to close the test site came from Kim in a letter to President Donald Trump that arrived at the White House on Wednesday. The president surprised the world by saying he would meet Kim on June 12 in Singapore.

If the meeting ever takes place, it will be the first ever between a serving U.S. president and a North Korean leader. It is scheduled for June 12 in Singapore.

In the immediate future, that's likely to mean more frustration for Kim.

Trump's decision could mean the negotiations will be suspended. But it also means Kim will need to decide whether to keep up the threats of a missile launch and war with the U.S., or to try to de-escalate the situation.
"Humor and perseverance. Grace under pressure." Robert Hannen and Julie Rafferty Fairbanks, UA employees and former students of Cole's.

"The community you create in the classroom should be pure joy. It should be a bargain." Katie Ringsmother, Anchorage, teacher and former student of Cole's.

"I only had him for History 101. Sorry to say I don't remember much of the class, but I remember him as a professor." Chris Pert, Fairbanks, engineer and former student of Cole's.

"How it's important to be gracious and helpful to people who are interested in learning." John David Ragen Fairbanks, Lakeview Local 942 Cole helped Ragen edit a book.

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when he was presenting his Haida language-based STEM daily studio to a Native language conference in Juneau earlier this year.

"We absolutely have to get the ball rolling. The hardest thing after you learn the language is to get started on something," he said. "We're going to have to start small — small, but very enthusiastic in our efforts.

Young grew up learning small amounts of Haida in school. "Up until about fourth or fifth grade we learned full sentences, simple stories," Young said. "It was never an immersion environment, but it was enough to capture my interest. It really left me hungering for the language." Young didn't return to the language until his later high school and early college years.

"I learned the bulk of what I know as an adult," he said. Young has two young children and speaks Haida to both of them. "I learned the bulk of what I know as an adult," he said. "More than a year ago, I really believe Kim Jong Un wants to do what's right. After that, a senior White House official said the North lacked judgment and had reneged on its promises ahead of the summit. Trump said from the White House that a "maximum pressure campaign" of economic sanctions and diplomatic isolation would continue against North Korea — with which the U.S. is technically still at war — but he added that it was possible the summit could still take place at some point.

North Korea issued a statement early today, saying it is still "willing to give the U.S. time and opportunities" to recon- sider talks "at any time, at any format." Vice Foreign Min- ister Kim Kye Gwan called Trump's decision "unexpected" and "very regrettable," and said the cancellation of the talks shows "how gravely the status of historical- ly deep-rooted hostile North Korea-U.S. rela- tions is and how urgently a summit should be real- ized to improve ties." Kim insisted North Korea's "objective and resolve to do our best for the sake of peace and sta- bility of the Korea Penin- sula and all humankind remains unchanged!"

Trump's surprise exit capped weeks of high- stakes brinkmanship between the two unpredict- able leaders over nuclear negotiating terms for their unprecedented sit-down. The U.S. announcement came not long after Kim appeared to make good on his promise to demolish his country's nuclear test site.

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