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Volcanic gases rise from the Kilauea lava flow that crossed Pohoiki Road near Pahoa, Hawaii, May 28. Members of Sacred Heart Parish in Pahoa are opening their homes to those who lost theirs. (CNS/Reuters/Marco Garcia)



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