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## GARY NUMAN HEADS TO THE STATES



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By Lizzie Catt with Lisa Higgins and Jack Teague

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**EIGHTIES** pop favourite Gary Numan has announced he's quitting the UK for a new life in America after despairing of the violent culture among today's youth.

Gary Numan says the recent riots were the final straw.

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and move to Santa Monica, California, adds that he was horrified to learn his wife Gemma had recently been subjected to verbal abuse by youngsters.

The 53-year-old, who ironically lives in the leafy Sussex village of Waldron, says: "We live right out in the country. It is very rural and there are no big cities. It would be the most peaceful place in the world and it is very pretty and relatively affluent. Yet the other day my wife was walking down the high street and a bunch of kids between 12 and 14 were telling her what they would like to do to her. She had my children with her. You've got to be kidding."

"The day after the riots I got on to the lawyer and said: 'Let's do it, let's get on with it.' I do love being British but Santa Monica is great. It has beautiful beaches and the Pacific Ocean. There is not one bit of trouble and not one surly or aggressive person there. You ask teenagers for directions and they are polite and helpful.

Gary Numan, whose hits include Cars and Are Friends Electric?, says the recent riots were the final straw.

The father of three, who plans to up sticks and move to Santa Monica, California, adds that he was horrified to learn his wife Gemma had recently been subjected to verbal abuse by youngsters.

**“The day after the riots I got on to the lawyer and said: 'Let's do it, let's get on with it.'”**

"Do that here and you are as likely to get stabbed."

Gary Numan

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