



*Despite the hostility of the Bush administration to rail, trains continue to provide a vital service to many Americans, writes Michael Weinberg. The picture shows the renovated station at*

*Seattle, one of the centres of America's computer industry, with an evening Cascade service ready to leave for Portland (Oregon). The train is made up of Talgo European-style stock. The original*

*station building was a typical American large station, very ornate with beautiful ceilings. These were often covered up when it was thought railways were finished in the States. With the rail renaissance, these*

*beautiful buildings are being restored to their former glory, in Los Angeles, Chicago and Portland.*

*Let's hope that, despite Bush, American Railroads will go from strength to strength.*