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HARSH WORDS by LeXman

The theme answers have to change from hard consonants (C as in "carry" and G as in "gone") to soft ones (C as in "ceiling" and G as in "giant") before they can be entered into the grid.

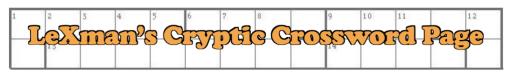
ACROSS

- 1. Spoke fondly, omitting nothing, to both men and women CO[O]ED
- 4. [S] <u>Urging on star with belt GOO + SING ("juicing")</u>
- 10. Narcissus' love returns, bearing ocean ice FL(O)ES (R)
- 12. [P] Man takes Nurse Pearl, at first, for <u>a ride in the hospital</u> GU(RN)(E)Y ("journey")
- 13. Iris' home with *nouveau* element UVEA (H)
- 14. Animal ran sneakily back around <u>tangle</u> ENSNARL (R)(H)
- 16. Not a single person to date took a midday nap NO ONE + D
- 18. At river's edge, unfasten <u>line</u> R + OPE
- 20. [E] <u>Blame</u> Eton for error in cunning GUIL[E] + T ("jilt")
- 21. In a musical piece, C, then G to follow close behind DO + G
- 22. Renegade takes an oath that is rarely taken seriously EGAD (H)
- 23. Hires a dentist -A + DDS
- 24. [A] Stairs, crates, boards CATERS* ("satyrs")
- 26. Cross anti-sin nuts (3 words) IN A SNIT*
- 30. It takes nothing to forego a $\underline{\text{fig}} I(O)T + A$
- 32. [K] Losing heart in hock or in grief CORING (H) ("soaring")
- 34. [S] Log scab at emergency room CAB + ER ("sabre")
- 35. Excuse expert, shaky and tense PRETEX* + T
- 36. Plant engulfed by inferno FERN (H)

DOWN

- 1. A style of music (cooler, retro), mostly when people get married CA (R) + JUN[E]
- 2. Pear-shaped musical instrument gets empty in a different way OBO[E] + VOID
- 3. <u>Australia's unofficial mascot</u> is a shaved primate [L]EMU[R]





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- 4. [O] Georgia boy in benefit GA + IN ("Jane")
- 5. Flip over stupendous stuffing UPEND (H)
- 6. <u>Family</u>'s public land holding CLAN (H)
- 7. Radio waves carrying Slipknot's second album IOWA (H)
- 8. Clear bag NET (2)
- 9. Acknowledges gender diatribes G + RANTS
- 11. [F] Shivering shrews barfed [S]COLD[S] ("soled")
- 15. Story of Turkish leadership getting around SAGA (R)
- 17. Home after the start of everything! E + DEN
- 18. Stop working to perform routine auto upkeep? RETIRE (2)
- 19. Let criticism upset <u>friend</u> PAR + TNER (R)
- 20. [T] Winds up with tin fuselage GALES (H) (R) ("jails")
- 24. [L] Stroke couple endlessly COUP[E] ("Sioux")
- 25. Depress an <u>astronomer with a best-selling novel</u> SAG + AN
- 27. Arrested naked clergyman [N]ABBE[D]
- 28. [Y] Date to copyright your piece of technology C + OUR + T ("sort")
- 29. Dessert with a lot of sauce TART (2)
- 31. Forbid admittance to a tavern BAR (2)
- 33. <u>Anger</u> on the rise in America IRE (H)

The removed letters spell an appropriate piece of advice: "SPEAK SOFTLY."