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WHERE YOU LEAST EXPECT IT by LeXman

The dictionary definition portion of each clue appears, not at either end, but in the middle.

ACROSS

1. Initially, teamsters touch base about greedy union president (3 2) – T + A + G + U + P
4. Shirt collar or college (4) -- T + OR + C
7. A long, shallow heat depression (3) – RUT (2)
8. Crooked as a sideways neck (7) ASKANCE*
9. Down trails: pressed on in anger (6) – IR(ON)E + D
10. Do a drug? Okay. Excellent! (4) – C + OK + E
12. Crazy leads Top Ten (4) – APE + X
13. Date: old lady kept man over (6) – GIG + O + L + O
15. Go around greeting at show business premier (7) – EX(HI + B)IT
16. Circling runner tracks kilometers (3) – SKI (H)
17. My supporters following a Republican (4) (A R + MY)
18. Oddly reliable: look yearly (5) – L[O]O[K] Y[E]A[R]L[Y]

T	A	G	U	P		T	O	R	C	
E		E		L		A		A		C
R	U	T		A	S	K	A	N	C	E
M		T		T		E		C		R
I	R	O	N	E	D		C	O	K	E
N		G		S		P		R		M
A	P	E	X		G	I	G	O	L	O
T		T		O		S		U		N
E	X	H	I	B	I	T		S	K	I
D		E		E		O		L		A
	A	R	M	Y		L	O	Y	A	L

DOWN

1. Semester ended in a true education (10) – TERM + IN A + T + ED
2. Arrive at party and pick up that woman (3-8) – GET TO + GET HER
3. Leader of China pronounced dead on Saturday (6) – P + LATE + S
4. Eat up profits, pocketing \$1,000 (4) – TA(K)E (R)
5. Fled before refrain, with hatred for the audience and little joy, ultimately (11) – RAN + COROUS (“chorus”) + L + Y
6. Cook rice – no formal meal (10) – CEREMONIAL*
11. Some of Top Gun is tolerable (6) – PISTOL (H)
14. Open mind by taking Ecstasy (4) – O + B(E)Y