Twenty of the answers must be inserted with a right-angled bend somewhere in them. In ten of these cases, the letters within the “bend” appear left-to-right or up-to-down in the grid (as in the NANCY of TENANCY or the IVAN of MINIVAN); in the other ten, the letters appear right-to-left or down-to-up (as in the SHARON of MENORAHS or the GARY of BULLYRAG). Ten of the former cases meet up with ten of the latter cases, forming same-sex ‘couples’, as shaded in the grid above.

1 SPIRIT (anagram)
2 SEMIPRO (anagram)
3 MI(A)MI
4 PE(C + C)ARY
5 PR(A)Y
6 MINIM (palindrome)
7 MEN + O + RAHS
8 REV. + ILE (Eli reversal)
9 L + IRA
10 EM(ERI)TA (team anagram; ire reversal)
11 CU + LL
12 TAC(EM)E
13 TUCK + ERE + D
14 TENSE (hidden)
15 TEN + AN(C)Y (net reversal)
16 CUB + E
17 TUSSLE (hidden)
18 T(ANGEL)O
19 UNTRUTH (anagram)
20 MAY + HE + M
21 A(MOE)BA
22 sCRAM
23 C(RET)AN
24 CASH (cache homophone)
25 DOE(R)S
26 TROI (anagram)
27 BUL(LYRA)G
28 L(EM)AY (me reversal)
29 CASH (cache homophone)
30 ET + E
31 TENSE (hidden)
32 T(A)NGELO
33 TROI (anagram)
34 HIT THE SCENE (anagram)
35 HIGH TIDE (anagram)
36 ARYAN (anagram)
37 GASP + E
38 ST(R)OVE
39 PICTOGRAM (anagram)
40 EMIT (Time reversal)