Gleaming out from the 6-letter reversals is ERRANT, which yields RANTER, which in turn yields TERRAN, which, as every sci fi fan knows, means "earth dweller."

7 letters
ASQUINT QUINTAS  .  LESSING SINGLES  
INGRAIN RAINING  .  QUESTOR TORQUES  
INSPECT PECTINS  .  REDRIVE RIVERED  
KERSTIN STINKER  .  REENTER TERREEN  
KINGPIN STINKING  .  RESPECT SPECTRE

8 letters
BARSTOOL TOOLBARS  .  MENTALLY TALLYMEN

While it could be argued that BARSTOOL and TOOLBARS share the same morpheme, BAR, the credentials for MENTALLY TALLYMEN appear to be impeccable.

CLOSE CALL
LOUIS PHILLIPS

The artist Chuck Close,
Standing close
To the actress Glenn Close,
Asked: “Should I close
The door & make a close-up of you in your birthday clothes,
Ms. Close?”
“No. Thank you” replied Glenn Close
To Chuck Close.