

ACROSS

- 1 Punish continent harbouring terrorists (8)
 5 Influence shown by fine player (6)
 9 Hairy nuns have nits, to some extent (8)
 10 Call from Switzerland or America (6)
 11 A little insult ends in luncay (8)
 12 Stay on course (6)
 14 Running after maiden, a spy catches me (10)
 18 Rubbish leader of junta and odd despot (10)
 22 Stand closer to front 27ac (6)
 23 Old lady to contemplate clothes in periodical (8)
 24 Inventor's revolutionary wing and leg (6)
 25 Pasta and fish acceptable in Italy (8)
 26 Part of somewhat dangerous undertaking (6)
 27 Transport gateway (8)

DOWN

- 1 Holiday companies being reported (6)
 2 Attack a small ship (6)
 3 Worthless attempt to hug tree (6)
 4 Musicians pinch vocal tapes (5,5)
 6 When embracing foreign character, First Lady succeeds (8)
 7 Extremely tough king consumed cow (8)
 8 Ring about bouquet to cut price (8)
 13 Welcome a student with uniform in class (10)
 15 Clean dark suit, free of grass (8)
 16 Hesitation after ignoring oddly deep cut (8)
 17 Observe bear around school (4,4)
 19 Harry, Mark and Romeo (6)
 20 Servant working under car (6)
 21 Polish official in Spain (6)

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