Judging by the fragment you show, I'm a bit surprised that it stopped
after exactly 28 columns, since I can't see anything different there.
But what happens if you try swapping the line s='' for this:

s=strarr(10)

and then put in a break and check the first few elements - does each
contain your 28 columns? If so, then try s=strarr(157824). You'll have
to change the strsplit part (I don't think it can handle arrays), but
it can be done with strpos and strmid.

Once you have this wonderful data array, you could try plotting it -
you might be surprised that IDL can do more than prepare data for
Excel...

regards,
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