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The screenshot shows the Merriam-Webster Unabridged website. At the top, there's a navigation bar with 'Welcome to the New Unabridged!' and links for 'Advanced Search', 'The Blog', 'Word Games', 'Word of the Day', and 'Style Guide'. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Search the Unabridged Dictionary' and a search type dropdown set to 'Main Entry'. A secondary search bar is also visible with the text 'Reference: Unabridged Dictionary'. The main content area features a large article titled '2,000 New Words & Senses Added to Merriam-Webster Unabridged' with a sub-headline 'Merriam-Webster Unabridged just got bigger. We've added more than 1,400 new terms and phrases, and more than 700 new senses of existing terms.' To the right, the 'WORD OF THE DAY' section highlights 'dunnage' with its definition 'padding in a shipping container...' and a 'MOST POPULAR' list of words. Below the main article, there are 'Recent Videos' and 'Quizzes' sections. The 'Recent Videos' section includes three video thumbnails with titles like 'Is "None Singular or Plural?"', 'How to Read a French Menu', and 'Bring vs. Take'. The 'Quizzes' section features 'How Strong is Your Vocab?' and 'Name That Thing'. At the bottom, there are 'Top 10 Lists' with titles like 'A Handy Guide to Ruffians, Rapsallions, Cads & More' and '12 Words That Secretly Come from Body Parts'. The footer contains 'ABOUT M-W' and 'SECTIONS' menus.

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A list of words that have been recently looked up by you and other users.

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Synonyms, antonyms, and related words.

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Assist users to pronounce words and provides audio examples.

The footer contains several widgets: 'TOP 10 LISTS' with a link to 'Top 10 Words for Unusual Colors Worth Looking At'; 'VIDEOS' with a link to '“Lay vs. Lie” Tripping up English Speakers for 700 years.'; and 'WORD OF THE DAY' for 'jeopardy' with the definition '1 : exposure to des'.

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