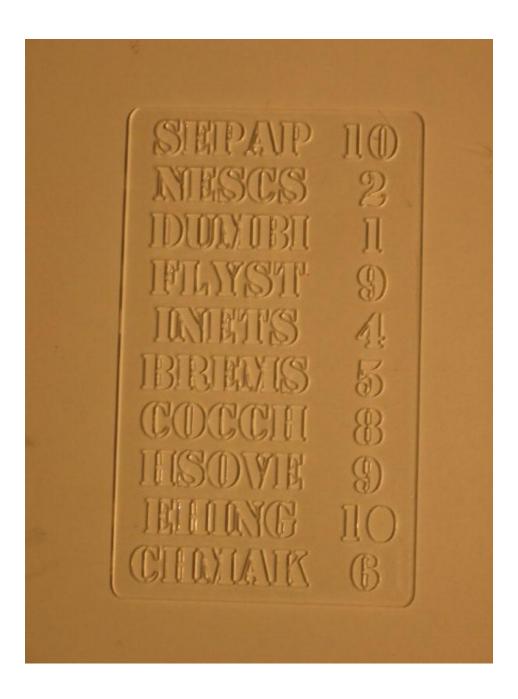
MURDER BY DEPTH (answer) by Kenny Young

This is a picture of the nearly-transparent item that teams retrieve from inside the fountain:



The instructions said to replace what was taken out of it – it being the clue, not the fountain. When the clue was taken out of the water, water was also taken out of the clue. So let's add **WATER** back in:

WA s T epap ER	10	R
ne W sc A s TER	2	Ε
dumb WA i TER	1	D
flys WA t TER	9	Ε
W inet A s TER	4	Ε
bre W m A s TER	5	М
co W c AT ch ER	8	Н
W h AT so E ve R	9	Ε
WeAThERing	10	G
WATchmakER	6	М

The message is thus to REDEEM HEGM, though HEGM isn't much of answer. But, adding **WATER** to that, a final answer appears:

WheAT gERm

[Note: Be thankful you weren't asked to buy this at 4am; that was the plan for a while \odot]