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Leap Year: Write a Newspaper Article

You are a reporter in Ancient Rome. You are assigned to a big story: Julius Caesar has rearranged the calendar and created Leap Year. Below are notes you took at the press conference. Use them to help you write a newspaper article in your own words.

Who Julius Caesar
What Created a 365 day calendar with leap year every four years
Where Rome
When 45 B.C.
Why Before, we had a 355 day calendar. Problem: a year is 365.25 days long. We used to add a 22 or 23 day month every other year to adjust for this. That way, our festivals were in the same season each year. Julius Caesar decided to add days to different months to create a 365 day calendar. The big news is Leap Day, an extra day at the end of February every four years.

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