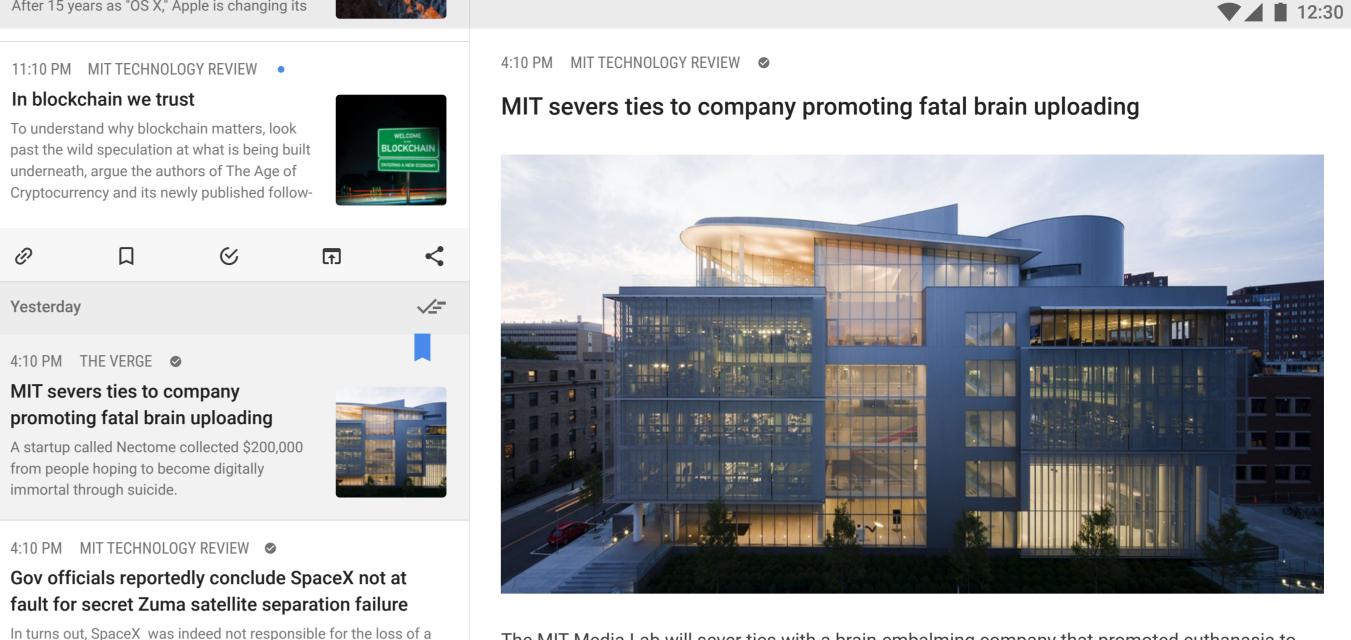


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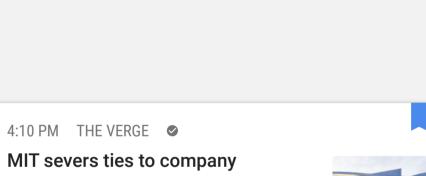
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MIT's connection to the company came into question after MIT Technology Review detailed Nectome's promotion of its "100 percent fatal" technology.

Under a subcontract, MIT was receiving approximately \$300,000 from a federal grant won by Nectome to develop methods of brain preservation and analysis.

According to an April 2 statement, MIT will terminate Nectome's research contract with Media Lab professor and neuroscientist Edward Boyden.



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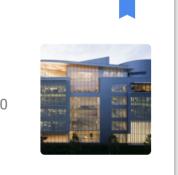
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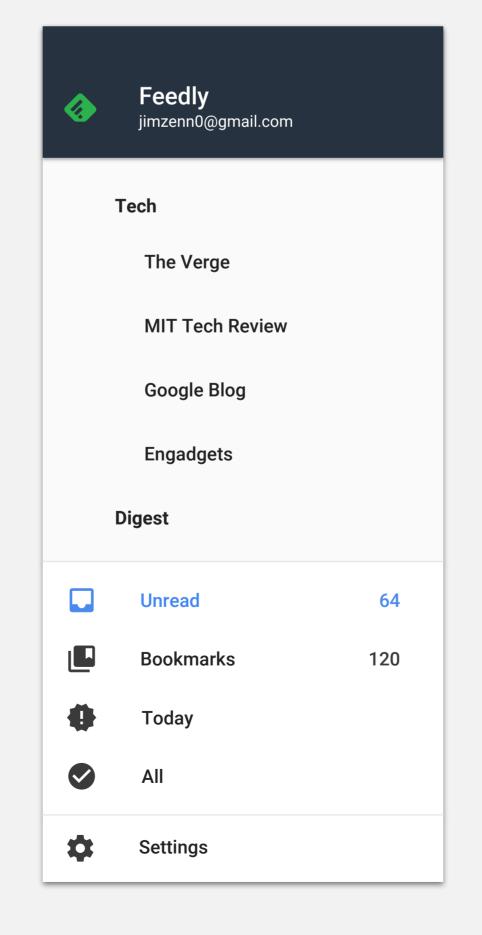
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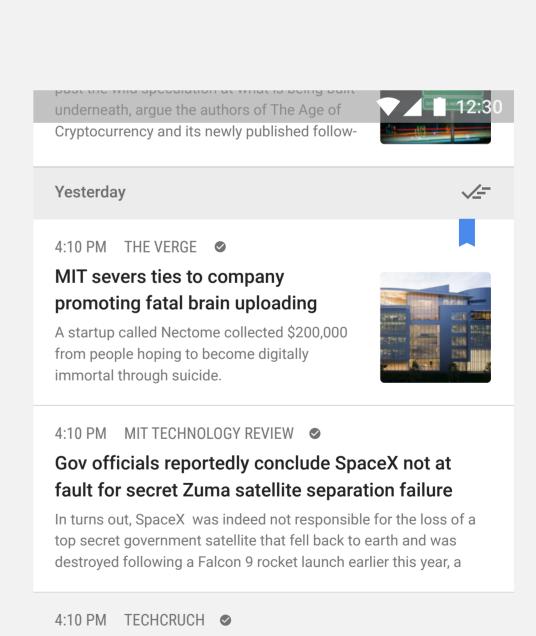
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