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Two injured in 3-car crash

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A three-car collision near Buffalo Springs Lake sent two people to the hospital Thursday.

The accident occurred at Lakeway Mini-Mart on East 50th Street.

A late-model Chevy Malibu, driven by Rosa Slay, 54, stopped to turn north off East 50th to make a phone call in Pinkie's liquor store when a 1997 white Jeep Laredo struck it from behind, forcing the Malibu into a westbound Suburban, according to the Department of Public Safety.

The Jeep flipped, skidding on its hood and windshield about 200 feet, leaving behind a trail of glass and gasoline. The driver of the Jeep, Jennifer Caffey, 28, of Lubbock, was taken to University Medical Center with cuts and scrapes. Slay was taken to St. Mary Hospital, where she was listed in satisfactory condition Thursday night. "She's lucky. If there was anyone in the back seat, it would have been bad," said Jeff Driver, a Buffalo Springs Volunteer firefighter. "It's too fast around here," he said of the speed limit. "Usually if we have one (wreck) here, it is this bad." "We haven't had one this bad here in a while," said DPS trooper Ivan Adame.

Candy Schoppa, driver of the slightly damaged brown Suburban, was shaken up but unharmed. "People just need to pay attention," she said.