AUTUMN CHOPPED SALAD WITH MAPLE-DIJON VINAIGRETTE from The Cooks Next Door

6-8 oz. Mixed lettuces (leaves torn or chopped)

1 pear

1 apple

1/4-1/2 c. dried cranberries or fresh pomegranate seeds

1/4-1/2 c. chopped pecans or walnuts

4 green onions, sliced (or chopped red onion, if you prefer)

2 strips bacon, cooked and crumbled (opt.)

2 oz. plain or honey goat cheese, crumbled

Wash and spin dry lettuce before placing in a large bowl. Top with pear, apple, onion, and dried cranberries. Drizzle with vinaigrette and toss to coat. Sprinkle salad with nuts, bacon, if using, and goat cheese. Serves 4.

MAPLE-DIJON VINAIGRETTE

2 Tbsp olive oil

1 Tbsp pure maple syrup

1 Tbsp whole grain Dijon mustard

1 tsp white wine vinegar

salt and pepper to taste

Combine all ingredients in a glass jar. Shake well.